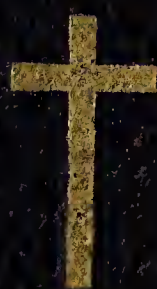
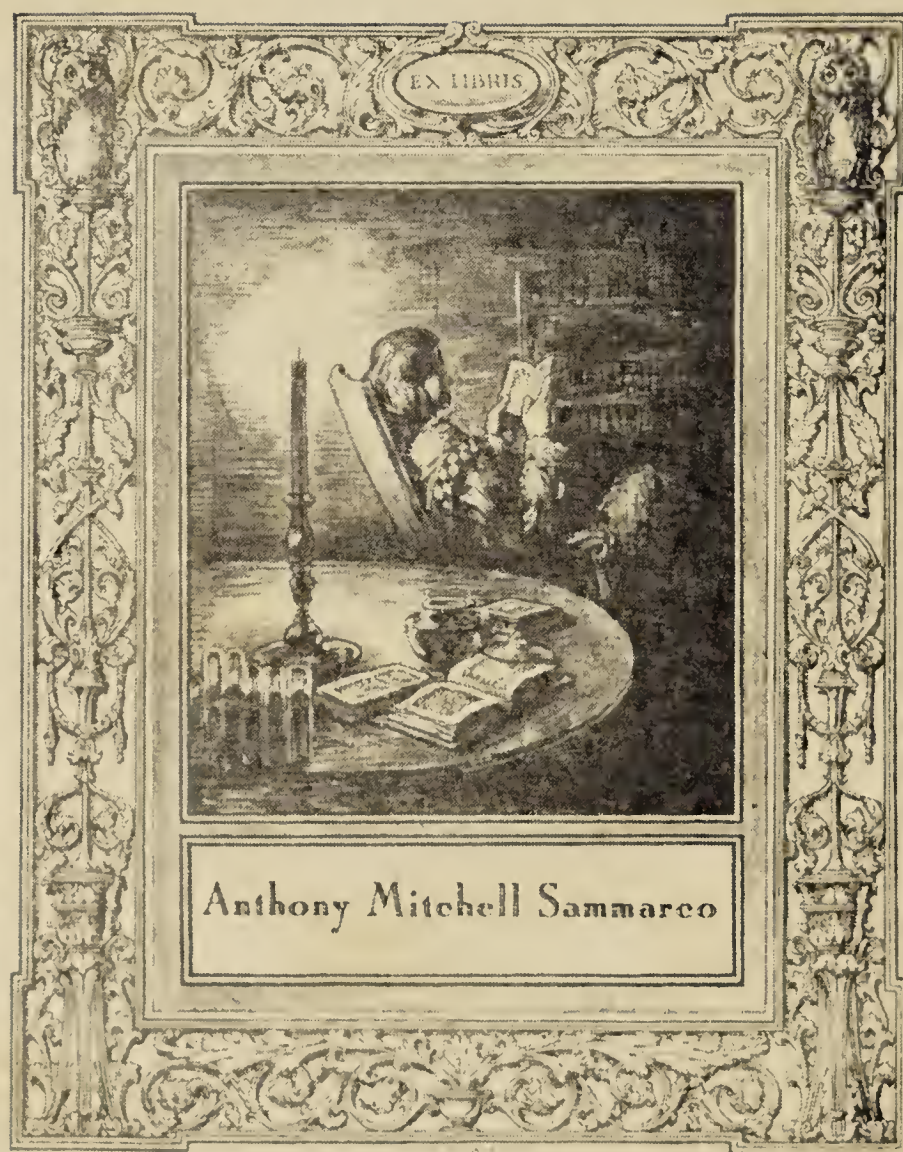


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Preface

“Individuals Make History!”

History may be defined as a record of Time, People, Places and Events.

The author has endeavored here in this humble way to preserve from oblivion some matters of interest, found in his investigations and research into the past; the story of which too little has been recorded. Bits of description of buildings, localities, and people, have been added to relieve the monotony of fact and figure detail.

As so much of the work is statistical it would be a surprise if some errors are not found, but great pains have been taken to avoid them; and the author would crave the readers' indulgence, for:—

“To err is human, to forgive divine.”

Sincere thanks are due the many persons who by the loan of documents, or by communicating valuable information, have made the work so much wider in scope and interest.

This work is affectionately dedicated to

My Country,

My Church, and

My Children.

DORCHESTER, MASS.

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The Author

The Author attended the Sunday school of the Mt. Bowdoin M. E. Church in 1897, under Pastor J. W. Stephan at Norfolk Hall, and has known all of the pastors from then to date.

He climbed over the walls and timbers, with other boys, during the construction of this building; and under the Rev. Marshall B. Lytle, in 1909, joined the church.

His wife and oldest son are members, and his three other children have been baptized at this altar.

Winning a "Franklin Medal" upon completion of the course at Mechanic Arts High School, 1910; he was graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering;—was awarded a "Salisbury Prize"; and elected a member of "Sigma Xi," the national honorary research society of Technical Colleges.

No claim is made for academic excellence in this historical work; rather the project was, exactly surveyed, designed with precision, and honestly and faithfully engineered.

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Part One



Early Days in Boston and Roxbury

IN THE BEGINNING—BOSTON

*"We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us,
what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old." Psalm XLIV-I.*

Boston was late among the towns of the colonies in accepting Methodism. The first efforts to establish the creed in this city, which had permanent results, were made by Jesse Lee in July 1790; when he preached under "The Great Elm" on Boston Common near the Frog Pond, Sunday, July 11, 1790. The outcome being the formation of a Methodist Society in Boston by Samuel Burrill and eleven others, on July 13, 1792, which was recognized by the first so-called "District Conference" in Lynn, August 3, 1792, as the First M. E. Church of Boston. Denied admission to churches by the clergy, the leaders preached in private homes, barns, market places, and even in the open fields. Several meeting places were hired but they were ejected for various reasons. In 1794 subscriptions were sought and action taken to build a house of worship of their own.

The first organized band of Boston Methodists purchased a lot of land, September 5, 1795, in "Ingraham's Yard"; later known as Methodist Alley, and Hanover Avenue, off Hanover Street. A small, plain wooden structure about 46 feet by 36 feet was erected. It had only a sanded floor, and rough board seats with no backs. Jesse Lee laid the cornerstone and the crude building was dedicated by George Pickering, May 15, 1796.

The second Methodist Chapel was erected in Bromfield's Lane in 1806; the third on Church Street, 1834. If we pause a moment and consider the present Boston area, this third honor would go to Dorchester, where a remodeled carpenter shop was dedicated May 6, 1818. A larger building was erected in 1829, and in 1844 this building had to be enlarged. In 1875 the present building was constructed on Washington Street, near Richmond Street, known as the Dorchester First M. E. Church; dedicated September 22, 1875.

EARLY IN THE 19TH CENTURY — ROXBURY

*"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell
it to the generation following."—Psalm XLVIII-12, 13.*

As our church organization came out of Roxbury we will go back to that town (Incorporated September 28, 1630) and examine the history of:—

"The First M. E. Church on Warren Street, Roxbury, in Boston, a corporation duly established under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 280 of the Acts of the year 1847, having its usual place of business in Boston in the county of Suffolk."

As early as 1817-1818, the Rev. Charles Virgin preached as a Methodist in Roxbury, but so much opposition arose toward the movement that it was shortly after discontinued.

The first record we have of the successful movement to organize is dated April 24, 1838, (Town of Roxbury—Population 7000-8000) when a meeting was held at Brother Varnum Ball's house (member of Bromfield Street Church), resulting on May 6, 1838, in the preaching of a sermon in a hall located at 2373 Washington Street. The speaker was Rev. Trueman R. Hawley, a Boston merchant and local preacher connected with the Church Street M. E. group. This hall, near Dudley Street, was used by the Baptists in 1818 to 1820 and known as "The Whitewash"; (adjoining thereto was the first Roxbury Latin School) later called Williams Hall, Forresters Hall (1907), and since 1925 the site of The Joseph Warren Co-Operative Bank. During the latter part of 1838 the place of worship was removed to the Roxbury Town Hall (a city in 1846). At the first quarterly conference September 10, 1839 Rev. George Pickering was appointed preacher in charge at a salary of \$450 for the year; and a Sunday school was organized.



FIRST EDIFICE OF THE METHODISTS IN THE TOWN OF
ROXBURY

*After outside stairway was inclosed.
Parsonage to the left.*

*This cut produced from a line drawing made by Frances A. Letson of an old print.

OUT OF THE PAST — OUR FIRST EDIFICE

"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."—Psalm C XLV-4.

Late in 1840 the society began to worship in its newly erected church at 777 Shawmut Avenue, then known as Williams Street, Town of Roxbury. This house, dedicated December 9, 1840, was 46 feet by 62 feet, with one large room upstairs and two small vestries. The stairway was on the outside front of building. Like primitive churches it was minus tower or bell; expense of land \$700, edifice \$3534. All denominations contributed toward its erection fund and, "It was considered a very fine house." The society prospered and in 1847 the edifice was altered by inclosing the outside stairway at a cost of \$1000.

In 1851 the location of this church was considered bad,—and as the result of a chance remark one day of Dr. T. D. Anderson, of the Dudley Street Baptist Church, to Rev. Mark Trafton; "Why don't you buy our church and move it?; action was started in that direction. Land was purchased as a site for \$3000, and the Baptist Church bought, without organ, for \$1750.

Our old structure was sold to the German M. E. Society for \$2100. About its formation:—some of the members convinced Brother Trafton that it would be well to have a German meeting. Evidently, "There is a Tavern in the Town" (or was), for to quote an old record:—

"He knew no Germans but went into a beer shop and asked the owner to give notice of a meeting at the Williams Street Church. The beer man faithfully circulated the notice and at the appointed time a good number of Germans assembled."

This building (777 Shawmut Avenue), changed considerably since 1852, should be considered as a shrine for our people. Built a quarter of a century before the Civil War and still standing after ninety-five years of alteration and repair; one can picture much of the original crude edifice where our forbears so devoutly worshipped God with the old-time religion. During the early years a pastor's home was built next door and later remodeled. The front outside stairway of the church was enclosed in 1847. The First German M. E. Church of Roxbury occupied it without any material change from 1852 to 1898 when it became St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal Church, and occupied by this society for twenty-five years until 1923. During this period the tower was erected but without a bell; the front covered with stucco, and considerable painting and decorating done. The Chancel was built with its two stained glass windows of St. Peter and St. John, and an altar with railing put up. The organ and sacristy were also built. Ten thousand dollars were spent on church and parsonage. The beautiful altar and railing were removed by St. Ansgarius Church to their present edifice on Warren Street, corner Elm Hill Avenue.

Our old structure is now (1935) occupied by the Metropolitan Baptist Church (colored). The old wood, unfinished pews, red carpeted floor, large old-fashioned windows of the auditorium up one flight, and the structural features of the vestry on the ground level are indicative of its age.

But now back to 1852.



BUILDING—*of the First Dudley Street Baptist Church, purchased and moved in 1852 to the corner of Warren and Cliff Streets, for;—*
“THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH ON WARREN STREET IN ROXBURY.”

Note: New site was not large enough to accommodate Chapel, or Vestry, shown at right of picture.

WE MOVE ONWARD

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;"—Isaiah LIV—2.

On August 4, 1852, Rev. Mark Trafton, D.D., pastor, the society removed its place of worship to the corner of Warren and Cliff Streets; having purchased the wooden church built in 1820 by the Dudley Street Baptist Society, and moved it back to the site opposite the General Joseph Warren house. This white clapboard building, typical in architecture of the colonial churches, was two and one-half stories high with pitch roof. A two-story vestibule section projected out in the middle, two-thirds the width of the structure. Steps led up to the edifice where entrance was available through three doors, over which were three windows on the second floor. Out of this front section projected a center tower, containing a belfry and a capped octagonal windowed cupola, from which a weathervane pointed toward the sky. A baluster fence surrounded the projecting belfry and cupola platforms.

After moving to the new site an organ was installed for \$800, and the house was dedicated August 4, 1852. Total cost, as finally fitted out—land, structure and fixtures—was about \$9500.

Under Rev. Gilbert Haven, in 1857, the church was repaired, and vestry enlarged.

During the Civil War not less than one hundred and twenty-five members enlisted and honorably served in the Union Army. Some gave their lives as "the last full measure of devotion." Some languished in southern prisons and fell prey to disease and barbarities. Others returned, wounded and infirm for the rest of their days.

A parsonage was purchased at 10 Regent Street for \$3400, in 1866, and in October of that year a remaining debt of \$3000, was subscribed. This was the first time in the society's history that it was free of debt.

The Centenary of American Methodism was suitably celebrated in 1866-1867.

Early Sunday morning, March 29, 1868, while the New England Conference was in session at East Boston that year, this handsome church edifice was completely consumed by fire; Rev. Andrew McKeown, D.D., pastor. The first alarm was sounded from Box 84, located at the South City Stables, at 1:35 A.M., followed at 1:40 by a second alarm, which was prompt action for those early days. Warren Engine No. 12, a modern horse-drawn steamer, followed by its one-horse hose reel carriage, was the first piece of apparatus to arrive from its quarters, then located at Dudley and Warren Streets. Other engines of the department, including Hook & Ladder Co. No. 4, from Eustis Street, near Washington, quickly followed.

The fire had gained considerable headway in that early morning hour before discovery. The firemen, regular, as well as call, did valiant service; but so intense was the heat of the flames that the church bell was melted into an indistinguishable mass. (By the way, our only church bell.) Before the Sabbath was over, smouldering ruins and four partly burned dwelling houses was a sad sight for our people. No clue as to the origin of the fire was obtained. Wm. Farry, foreman of Hook & Ladder Co. No. 4, was severely injured by being struck with the iron points of a ladder. The church suffered a loss of \$12,000 on the building, \$6900 of which was covered by insurance.

PASTORS 1839-1868

GEORGE PICKERING	START	1839
H. B. SKINNER		
AMOS BINNEY		
A. D. SARGENT		
JOHN W. MERRILL		
A. A. WILLETS		
J. D. BRIDGE		
LUMAN BOYDEN		
MARK TRAFTON	MOVE	1852
J. H. TWOMBLY		
GEORGE BOWLER		
GILBERT HAVEN	(Name of Men's Class about 1900 and suggested name for new church)	
FALES H. NEWHALL		
SAMUEL TUPPER		
J. W. DADMAN		
GEORGE WHITTAKER		
ANDREW McKEOWN*	FIRE AND SEPARATION	1868

* Also first Pastor "Winthrop Street M. E. Church."

OUT OF THE RUINS

"Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place."

—*Psalm L XVI-12.*

Various churches offered the congregation the use of their meeting places and, for more than a year, it met with the Universalist Society on Shawmut Avenue; Rev. A. J. Patterson, D.D., pastor. In the meantime land was purchased from the City of Boston; plans were made, and a commodious and modernly appointed church edifice was constructed—Thomas W. Silloway, Architect—and cornerstone laid October 19, 1868. It was built of brick with a very tall tower, containing: a belfry, above which was a large four-direction clock, topped by a cupola, with weathervane projecting further skyward. Located on an elevated site at 30 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, this tower overlooking the city was visible for miles around.

The new vestry, partly below the street level, was first occupied for worship Sunday, July 4, 1869. The main auditorium was several steps up from the street, and had a seating capacity of 900. Cost of entire property was about \$65,000. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Bishop Simpson on Sunday, November 28, 1869, the Rev. Andrew W. McKeown being pastor. Ten thousand dollars was subscribed at this service.

1869
12 10 9
1929

Winthrop Street Church had its struggles but finally cleared its debt and prospered. After nearly sixty years, with the growing business district at Dudley Terminal and the changed racial population of Roxbury, it was deemed advisable to dispose of so large an edifice. With the erection of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, the property was sold for \$60,000 to the City of Boston in 1927, the city removing the building for the extension of school work. A vacant lot, 30 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, between the old, red brick Winthrop Street School (Quarters of Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, now marks the site.

The Winthrop Street society still functions, however, with its pastor, Rev. Carl H. Raupach. It meets with the First Free Baptists at Warren and Deckard Streets. The \$60,000 now invested, furnishes an endowment fund, the interest of which is used for operation expenses.

Part Two



Boston Highlands M. E. Church

Later Days in Roxbury

THE HOUSE DIVIDED, AND ITS OFFSPRING BOSTON HIGHLANDS M. E. CHURCH

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."—Matthew XXIV-6.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."—Matthew XVIII-20.

Going back a bit; we find that during construction of the Winthrop Street building differences arose. On March 8, 1869, a company of forty-eight persons met at the residence of Joseph M. Pike and planned for the organization of a new church. John A. Scott was "chief speaker" and Wm. H. McIntosh, secretary of the meeting. John G. Cary was appointed leader of the class formed. At the adjourned meeting in Brother Lucius L. Ryerson's home, March 19, 1869, it was reported that Dudley Hall, 2389 Washington Street, had been secured as a place of worship for Sundays and one evening during the week.

Rev. L. R. Thayer, D.D., Presiding Elder of the Boston District, by letter, officially recognized the movement. Boston Highlands M. E. Church was the name chosen for the new organization; formed by about eighty members withdrawing from the Winthrop Street group. The City of Roxbury (incorporated 1846) joined Boston in January 1868, and the district became known as "Boston Highlands."

At a meeting on June 25, 1869, held at Henry M. Harmon's home, summoned by warrant and called to order by Asa Wyman, Jr., Justice of the Peace, the board of trustees were duly appointed and sworn. Boston Highlands M. E. Church was declared legally incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and regular services were instituted.



BOSTON HIGHLANDS M. E. CHURCH

158-160 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.

1869-1898

REV. I. J. P. COLLYER

At the Lowell Conference, March 24, 1869, Bishop Thomson appointed Rev. I. J. P. Collyer preacher in charge. In the first year under his efficient leadership the society progressed rapidly. Plans for securing a house of worship were promptly adopted. A valuable lot of 9489 square feet of land at 158-160 Warren Street was purchased for \$7100 (Deed April 15, 1869, Suffolk Deeds, Libro 987, Page 203); and the main church building was erected at a cost of \$8500. C. H. Blodgett was the builder—the lowest of five bidders. It was dedicated January 20, 1870, only ten months after organization. The Rev. Wm. F. Warren, D.D., later president of Boston University, preached the sermon. Brother Collyer closed his ministry here in the spring of 1872, in poor health, and died May 7, 1872.

A parsonage was leased on Tolman Place in 1874. The first death among the founding board of trustees occurred May 7, 1876 with the passing of Brother Ebenezer Ryerson.

Late in 1877 during the pastorate of REV. J. W. JOHNSTON, the vestry or chapel building was erected in the rear and improvements made upon the main edifice.

Other improvements were made during the ministry of REV. W. W. COLBURN (1881-1884). The chapel was carpeted and repainted; a new kitchen was built for the ladies; and a pipe organ purchased at a cost of \$2400.

REV. W. T. WORTH (1884-1887).

In April, 1884, Rev. W. T. Worth became pastor. A debt since January, 1878, of \$8000 upon the church property was successfully liquidated. This was accomplished by popular subscription, through the unfaltering courage and work of pastor and people. The cancelled mortgage note was burned in the flame of a candle placed on a stand in front of the pulpit, Easter Sunday, April 11, 1886.

In the spring of 1886 the auditorium was redecorated and carpeted; the balcony posts changed, and the door into chapel from audience room widened. Two coats of paint, externally, completed the extensive improvements.

While the church was paying the debt the Ladies Society raised \$1700 in twenty months. At the close of Rev. W. T. Worth's three-year term, the property was in excellent condition, unencumbered, and with a balance in the treasury. What we have of the old church records from the fire up to this time are those written by Rev. Worth from meagre badly defaced reports, and memories of the old members.

REV. EDWARD R. THORNDIKE (1887-1889)

A parsonage was purchased on Rockland Park for \$7000 in 1888.

During the second conference year (1888-1889) of Edward R. Thorndike the discussion of the "School Question" in this city created considerable outside attention. The issue being, "Romanism and the Public Schools,"—Parochial or Private versus Public School System. The whole question was that of ultimate authority. Who controls in this State? Shall the Pope of Rome, or the People of Massachusetts? It was decided that we should have American institutions and authorities for America,—that the system of non-sectarian free schools is a necessity, that the State alone is able to educate all of her children, and that no other parties possess either the means or the authority. The feeling aroused by the issue kept many from services until after the election of the School Committee, when the excitement subsided and the church work progressed.

REV. ISAAC HENRY PACKARD (1889-1891)

Rev. Packard prepared his sermons with great care and delivered them with considerable rhetorical ability. His specialty was men's work, and the early training of the youth of the church in religious matters. At revival services in 1890 fifty conversions were had. Large collections for missionary purposes were made in his pastorate. He died February 1, 1915, after a surgical operation relieved him of all earthly suffering.

REV. JOHN GALBRAITH (1891-1896)

In February 1892 a discussion was had as to forming an Independent Church instead of Methodist Episcopal, and later in 1895, there was talk about joining Winthrop Street. No definite action resulted however.

Rev. Galbraith was a strong preacher, resulting in a large increase in membership, but he was not what one would call a money raiser. He performed about sixty marriages in this pastorate. From Warren Street, Rev. Galbraith went to Dorchester First M. E. Church (1896-1899) following the Rev. George Alcott Phinney, and was later for six years our District Superintendent (1905-1911). He died in April 1914.

SETTLING AN OLD PROBLEM

REV. GEORGE H. PERKINS (1896-1898)

During July and August of 1896 and 1897 of the pastorate of Rev. George H. Perkins—Union Services, and Evangelistic Services—in January, were held with Winthrop Street church. Several years previous the question had often arisen, “How shall we adjust these two so closely situated churches and solve the problem that has perplexed all Boston Methodism?” As a result of The Quarterly Conference, it was decided that we sell and either unite with Winthrop Street church or move into the region of Grove Hall and build. In the fall of 1897 an opportunity was offered to dispose of the property at a sale price of \$20,000. Previously, in April, 1897, the Congregation Adath Jeshurun was desirous of purchasing, but not sufficient money-down payment was in view to interest our trustees.

The sale was effected January 1, 1898 to The Advent Christians (Deed January 3, 1898). On the second Sunday in January we occupied the house conjointly with the Adventists and continued to worship there until October 1, 1898. Under lease of April 1, 1898 we had use of the body of the church Sunday forenoons, and the vestry Monday and Friday evenings, for \$33.33 per month rental.

In visiting this, the third real church building of our group, one must consider that, in 1902, the entire structure was elevated one story and moved forward to Warren Street line. Offices and an extensive print shop were built on the street level. This necessitated the construction of a new brick vestibuled stairway under the old tower entrance.

No bell has ever hung in the belfry. The space under the balcony has been walled and a new organ installed by the Adventists.

During the Rev. Perkins' pastorate occurred the death of William H. McIntosh on December 11, 1896. He was the secretary at the founding of the Boston Highlands M. E. Church and served in this capacity for over twenty-seven years until his death.

SUMMARY—PASTORS 1869-1898

158-160 WARREN STREET

ISAAC J. P. COLLYER	March 24, 1869 to 1872
HENRY LUMMIS	1872-1874
CHARLES J. CLARK	1874-1877—2½ years
J. W. JOHNSTON	1877-1879—2½ years
FRANK K. STRATTON	1879-1881
WILLIAM W. COLBURN	1881-1884
W. T. WORTH	1884-1887
EDWARD R. THORNDIKE	1887-1889
ISAAC H. PACKARD	1889-1891
JOHN GALBRAITH	1891-1896
GEORGE H. PERKINS	1896-1898

Part Three



Mt. Bowdoin
Highlands :: Greenwood
at
Dorchester



FRIENDSHIP HALL — DAVENPORT HOUSE
"CRACKER HOLLOW"

Before 1900

MOUNT BOWDOIN M. E. CHURCH—1893-1895

THE GROUP AHEAD OF US AT MT. BOWDOIN

"Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase."—Job VIII-7.

The first movement to found a Methodist Episcopal Church in the Mt. Bowdoin section of Dorchester was started in the winter of 1893 by Rev. E. J. Helms (now Morgan Memorial Director), then secretary of the Boston Missionary Society. Services were soon held on Sunday evenings in FRIENDSHIP HALL, "Cracker Hollow," under the care of Rev. C. E. Chandler, a Boston University student from Ohio; and later continued under the direction of Rev. C. S. Rogers, D.D., pastor of the Baker Memorial Church, with Bedford Boone and W. A. Stearns as leaders.

To the old timers, FRIENDSHIP HALL and "CRACKER HOLLOW" with its historic old DAVENPORT HOUSE is "just a memory." FRIENDSHIP HALL, set back on a curved drive from Bowdoin Street, between the corner of Geneva Avenue and Blakeville Street, was started in 1844 and dedicated January 22, 1845 by Norfolk Lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F., which met there for fifty years. Many other societies, social, political and fraternal gathered here during the last half of the nineteenth century. About 1915 the old structure was torn down to make room for the present garage.

In February 1895, the Mt. Bowdoin group began work in earnest. The NEW NORFOLK HALL, built in 1894 and dedicated January, 1895, was rented as a place of worship, until the enterprise should be strong enough for the erection of a church. The original hall, somewhat changed today, after two serious multiple alarm fires, December 7, 1901, February 27, 1923, had an auditorium up one flight. With its height of twenty feet and a gallery it could seat four hundred and twenty people. A stage ran across

nearly the full width of the building and was sixteen feet deep. A banquet hall on the first floor, rear of the stores, had a capacity of two hundred persons. An upper hall and several smaller rooms around and over stairways completed the layout available for the church work. First Rental \$40.00; Final \$75.00.

The first of May, 1895 REV. E. S. J. McALLISTER was appointed pastor by the presiding elder Rev. J. H. Mansfield, D.D. On November 1, the organization of a Methodist Episcopal Church was effected. At the next quarterly conference held February 4, 1896 the society received the name of MT. BOWDOIN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. E. S. J. McAllister was reappointed pastor at the April conference, but immediately afterward tendered his resignation effective the first week in June 1896. The presiding elder appointed REV. J. W. STEPHAN, S. T. B., of the East Ohio Conference and then a student of Boston University Theological School, as pastor. At the Lowell Conference April, 1897, REV. J. W. STEPHAN was reappointed. Yearly budget about \$1400 and membership over 100. The greatest need was a church building. Arrangements were being made to purchase a lot and the Ladies' Aid Society started a building fund.

REV. CHARLES TILTON became pastor of the two groups in April 1898, and was reappointed in 1899. The Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church Society continued to meet at the old Warren Street property until the first of October 1898. By lease dated April 1, 1898, for rental of \$33.33 per month, we had the main body of the church building Sunday forenoons and the vestry Monday and Friday evenings. Services were held by Pastor Tilton at Warren Street Sunday mornings, and at Norfolk Hall for the other group in the evening, from April until October 1, 1898. The pastor's home was rented at 28 Gaylord Street, Dorchester.



NORFOLK HALL

328 Washington Street, Dorchester, Mass.

MOUNT BOWDOIN M. E. CHURCH—1895-1898.

BOSTON HIGHLANDS M. E. CHURCH, 1898-1901.

ONCE WE SEPARATED AND BUILT— NOW WE COMBINE AND PREPARE TO BUILD

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"—Psalm CXXVIII-1.

REV. CHARLES TILTON

As constituted in 1900 the Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church represents, the original Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church and the Mt. Bowdoin Methodist Episcopal Church of Dorchester, combined. A small group from an Independent "Grove Hall Church," Washington Street, corner Blue Hill Avenue, Rev. Edward D. Mallory, pastor, joined with the new organization. Rev. Mallory at the time was secretary-treasurer of the Cullis Consumptive Home, Blue Hill Avenue and Seaver Street.

January 24, 1900—Working Force of our Church consisted of:

30 members from the old Highlands Society

60 from Mt. Bowdoin

65 received since the union of the two societies.

Where to buy and build an edifice for the combined congregations was given much consideration. Grove Hall and Mt. Bowdoin were at first proposed as compromise sites, between the two societies. A study of the rapid growth of Dorchester homes beyond Grove Hall and the existent church facilities, due consideration being given to increasingly Catholic districts and land values, finally resulted in the selection of the present site. This spot was that part of the Edmund P. Tileston estate, where the mansion of one of the first paper manufacturers in America stood.

This lot was purchased for \$10,500, by deed dated December 12, 1898, from Horace E. Ware, *et al*, trustee of the Tileston Estate, (Suffolk Deeds, Libro 2573, Page 201. See also Deed September 21, 1900. Libro 2708, Page 40).

REV. CHARLES TILTON deserves much credit for his efforts in getting the two groups organized as one family; and beginning the extensive plans for securing the strategic site, and erection of edifice. Although he desired very much to return to this parish, our board closely voted against such action, even after a second consideration of the matter. It was a big disappointment in his life to be obliged to leave this unfinished task that he considered would be his monument. After serving various other churches successfully he retired from the ministry in 1923, with a record of forty years; and passed on to a well-earned rest August 3, 1935, while under treatment at the Deaconess Hospital.

Before we go on with our story and enter the Twentieth Century, a few words about the "Five Corners" District and the Tileston Mansion to preserve for future history.



WASHINGTON, BOWDOIN AND HARVARD STREETS

Before 1900

House in center of picture now elevated over Homsy's Store.

THE "FIVE CORNERS" DISTRICT AND TILESTON ESTATE 1895-1900.

By the "Five Corners" District we mean that section of Dorchester surrounding the intersection of Washington, Bowdoin and Harvard Streets and Bowdoin Avenue.

The plot bounded at present by:—Bowdoin Street, Washington Street, southerly to beyond Community House; easterly down across to Greenbrier Street, and thence up to Bowdoin Street, contained:—

1. The old red Edwin Booth (famous actor and brother of John Wilkes Booth), or Rev. Elijah Cutler, house, on the site of Community House.

2. The Edmund Tileston, or later known Kendall Mansion on the church site, extending to Bowdoin Street.

3. The Pope, or O'Connell house on Bowdoin Street, site of Texaco Gas Station, and

4. The John Mann residence at 15 Greenbrier Street. Greenbrier, Claybourne, Dakota (above Greenbrier), Bloomfield and Tonawanda Streets were not laid out at this time, 1895.

The Maspero Block and Norfolk Hall were built 1894-1895, Meadows' Drug Store, corner in 1898 and Harring & Teele Drug Store corner later. The Hon. James Bowdoin or Costello Estate, was situated between Bowdoin Street and Bowdoin Avenue.

Along Washington Street, west side:—The Schmeil house, now elevated above Homsy's Store; the Edward T. Moffatt double house; the Hewins-Pitman two-family residence; vacant lot corner of Gaylord Street—an old house having been torn down a few years earlier; and the George Smith home on the southerly corner of Gaylord Street (later moved around onto that street)—completed our immediate neighborhood shortly before we prepared to build. The large colonial John Fottler, Jr., house opposite the Community House was erected after our church building. The Hickey Brothers Store and the Dodge Estate were located on Harvard Street this side of Engine 18.

The large Tileston Mansion house facing Washington Street, on the "Upper Road" was built early in the nineteenth century and occupied by a Mr. Fuller, wealthy wholesaler of shoes. About 1840 the estate came into the possession of Edmund P. Tileston who resided here until his death in 1872. A grand hall fully twenty feet wide and nearly the height of the house led to a balcony at the rear where was afforded an unsurpassed view over land and water. The rooms were magnificently furnished. An ornamental iron fence, with a handsome lantern over the main entrance arch, was in front of the estate of six acres. The drive led in from about opposite Gaylord Street (then Cook Street) and there was a row of shade trees between the fence and house. In the rear, down over the hill, was a fine orchard, terraced gardens of flowers and well kept stable and conservatory. At about the corner of what is now Claybourne and Dakota Streets was an artificial pond encircled by quince trees and lovely walks. In the warm weather gold fish were the attraction in this pool. A young son of the "old" Dr. Rogers was drowned while playing here in later years. Seldom occupied after Mr. Tileston's death, it was later known as the Kendall place, being tenanted by a Mrs. Kendall and her daughter, Mrs. Bowles. The house was torn down in the late 1890's.

WE BUILD OUR PRESENT—
“HOME-LIKE CHURCH”

THE CHURCH BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD*

*Thro' the mist of years I can seem to see
The church of my childhood days;
And its mem'ries sweet, so with joy replete,
Shall live in my heart alway.*

*Then on mem-o-ry's page, I can see again,
The church by the side of the road;
And wherever I roam, it is guiding me home,
The church by the side of the road.”*
—(Seth Parker No. 53’')

* *Note.* Washington St., in Old Dorchester was known as “The Upper Road,” as distinguished from Adams St., “The Lower Road.”

REV. WILLIAM HENRY MEREDITH

Rev. Meredith was appointed pastor April 10, 1900, meeting his new charge in Norfolk Hall, Easter Sunday morning. He did the best he could in the Hall, through the entire Conference year, holding the last service there March 31, 1901.

To save being taxed again in May, 1900, ground was broken for the church, without any special service, and teams put to work on excavation Friday, April 27, 1900. Walter J. Paine was the architect and John A. Dodge was awarded the contract to build.

A first set of plans of a more elaborate structure of stone to cost approximately \$40,000 were discarded at a compromise loss of \$750, because all bids received far exceeded the limit set for cost. The architect was ordered to prepare another set of plans which then had to be altered some to keep cost where planned at not over \$25,000, organ included. Dodge's low bid was approximately \$22,500, \$4000 less than Kellar Bros., who built the parsonage. As construction proceeded extras were added, a gallery finished, etc., bringing the actual cost (1902) \$27,000. About \$1000 worth of furnishings were installed; the organ built and placed for \$1530, etc. Changes and extras have been added since.

It was at first proposed to call the church, the Gilbert Haven M. E. Church, after a former pastor and later bishop. The unfinished upper end of Dakota Street was petitioned to be called Asbury Street, for Bishop Francis Asbury, "The Pioneer Bishop" of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America 1784.

Excavation was completed by the middle of June 1900, and on the afternoon of MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1900, *the corner stone was laid* with a program as follows:—

Reading of Church Ritual, by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Meredith.

A Hymn, read by Rev. J. W. Stephan (former minister).

Prayer, by Rev. Willard T. Perrin (Presiding Elder, Boston District).

Reading of the 132nd Psalm, by Rev. Charles Tilton (the first minister of the united charges and predecessor of Rev. Meredith).

Scripture Lesson, by Rev. H. W. Ewing of the Winthrop Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hymn 861, read by Rev. Prescott of the Parkman Street, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Address, by Rev. Edwin H. Hughes of the Central Church of Malden.

Address, by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu.

“*At the Corner Stone*,” an original poem written for the occasion by F. W. Emerson, was read by Alexandria Fraser, a member of the Sunday School.

The Contents of the Box, was read by E. W. Jordan, Secretary of the Building Committee.

Benediction, by Bishop Mallalieu.

The Corner Stone Box is said to contain:

Brief historical record.

Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Minutes of the last New England Conference.

Zion's Herald and *Dorchester Beacon*.

Lists of Church Members, Trustees, and Building Committee and a Picture of Miss Matilda Judkins, the only living charter (1869) member of the Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church.



GREENWOOD MEMORIAL CHURCH

Corner of Washington and Dakota Streets, Dorchester, Mass.

HIGHLANDS, 1901-1913.

GREENWOOD SINCE 1913.

The first service in the unfinished vestry was Easter Sunday morning, April 21, 1901.

The first service in the finished and furnished auditorium was Sunday morning, June 16, 1901. As many subscriptions and bills had not been fully paid, it was decided not to dedicate but simply have *Opening Exercises*. A mortgage of \$23,000 was on the property in November 1901 (see Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration, 1919). Three services were held Sunday, June 16, 1901. Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D.D., preached at 10:30. Rev. C. A. Crane, D.D., delivered the sermon at 3 p.m. Rev. Willard T. Perrin, Presiding Elder of Boston District, and former pastor Dorchester First Methodist Episcopal Church, was the speaker at 7:30 p.m. Evening Services were held every day that week by visiting pastors.

JOSEPH W. POWELL, of Buffalo, N. Y., was engaged in the fall of 1901 to raise money by his celebrated, "Powell Interest Bearing Bond," plan. The arrangement was: Pledges of certain amounts payable monthly over a period of three years. Face value of individual bond \$36.00 divided into quarter bonds, if so desired. These payments could be anticipated and completed at any time before due dates, thus saving the subscriber interest.

The first public appeal for the building fund was made under the leadership of this eminent debt raiser on Sunday, December 8, 1901. Ten thousand dollars was subscribed to cover: 1—the deficit in current expenses; and 2—the balance to apply to building fund. This amount pledged was nearly double the expectations of our Trustees. The Ladies' Aid Society subscribed \$3000 of this amount, which included their paying for the cost of the organ at \$1530.

Brother Powell's total expenses for fee, printing, travelling, etc., was about \$200.00. Mrs. Powell accompanied her husband as soloist for the day's services.

As may be expected some pledges made in the excitement of a drive like this, for various reasons, were not paid; in fact only about two-thirds of the amount pledged was actually made available for use.

REV. W. H. MEREDITH had a hard struggle with the new project during two year's development. In his first year, at Norfolk Hall, his salary was \$1400 and house. This was increased to \$1500 for pastoral services rendered at the new edifice. Over a hundred members were received into the church and the average Sunday school attendance was one hundred and fifty.

At the end of his second conference year, much to the surprise of all, Rev. Meredith resigned this pastorate. He believed, that he had not been properly sustained in the spiritual work of the church, by its Officiary, or proven satisfactory to several members thereof.

SOMEBODY CARES

*"Some-bod-y Knows when your heart aches,
And ev'ry thing seems to go wrong:
Some-bod-y Knows when the shadows
Need chasing a-way with a song;
Some-bod-y Knows when you're lonely,
Tir-ed dis-cour-aged and blue;
Some-bod-y wants you to Know Him,
And Know that He dear-ly loves you."*
(Seth Parker No. 45).

THE CHURCH EDIFICE

The structure about eighty-five by ninety feet has: foundation walls up to Washington Street level, lower part of tower and octagonal bay at right front, built of Weymouth seam-faced granite; Gothic in architecture; the balance of the building is of frame construction with walls and roof covered with shingles. Cypress and hardwood are used for the finish of interior, which is illuminated by electricity.

Entrance is made at either end of front into vestibules, from which stairways lead up to front gallery, or direct to side aisles of the auditorium. Between these vestibules and under gallery is a wide passageway used as a reception hall or waiting room. This is separated, by a series of arches and two aisle openings from the auditorium. The upper part of this paneled screen can be lowered on hinges so as to give an uninterrupted view from additional temporary seats. A large bay window and adjoining side windows of handsome leaded stained glass add to the attractiveness of this lobby.

Opposite the large tracery leaded glass window in front gable is situated the organ and choir alcove, behind the pulpit platform. A decorated chancel arch covers the Hook & Hastings pipe organ in this gallery, with a music room adjoining. The curved paneled pulpit platform is backed by a high panel wainscoting extending across the entire width of nave and forming the folding door front of pastor's study or sacristy to the left, and ante-room or ladies' parlor (Spaulding Guild Room) to right of pulpit. The upper wall either side of arch is adorned (1928) by the beautiful sacred paintings, "*Christ, the Good Shepherd*" and "*Christ in the Garden.*"

A handsome memorial altar rail with kneeling cushion sets out from front of pulpit to allow space for baptismal fount and communion table. Arcades divide auditorium into nave and outer aisles. Seating capacity of auditorium is five hundred, balcony, one hundred and fifty, and the two side rooms, fifty, or a total of seven hundred.

In the tower is a class room used but little in recent years. An office or trustees' room adjoins right vestibule, and a stairway leads to the basement.

With main entrance from Dakota Street a large lecture room with platform (and altar rail originally) occupies half of vestry. On each side are three class rooms, and to the rear a larger room built for the primary department, but now used as the Church Parlor. All these rooms can be thrown into one by use of multifold sliding doors. The Sunday school has a library near the Dakota Street vestibule. A modern kitchen, toilets, heating apparatus and storage rooms, complete the basement lay-out. A steam boiler with oil burner and two hot air furnaces supply heat as required.

THE PARSONAGE

This fine pastoral home, located just south of the church, was designed and built by John and William Kellar, members of our congregation. The work started in May, 1900, and progressed rapidly until occupancy by the Rev. W. H. Meredith's family on the day before Thanksgiving (November 28, 1900), 1900. Cost of erection above the land was \$5200 and valued with the lot, \$7000. An open house party was held by the pastor New Year's Day, January 1, 1901. The first wedding was solemnized there May 23, 1901. While their parents were occupants of the parsonage Miss Ruth Lytle and Miss Mary Pierce were born. A small child of Rev. and Mrs. Marshall B. Lytle was brought with them from Pittsburgh. Furnished principally by the Ladies' Aid Society, various changes and improvements through the years have been made in lighting, heating and other facilities by this splendid organization of workers.

A strip of land fifteen to sixteen feet wide and depth of lot was deeded: October 8, 1928 (Suffolk Libro 5046, Page 479) by the Community House corporation to the church for parsonage garage and driveway accommodations.

The assignment of Rev. W. M. Schenk to our parish was urged by the Official Board and Pulpit Committee, but under the existing conditions the presiding bishop deemed it wiser to appoint George Alcott Phinney. Preaching for the first time on April 20, 1902, not exactly as a welcome assignment, he was immediately received into the hearts of our people. A character and personality never to be forgotten by those who knew him, Rev. Phinney was not a stranger to Dorchester or its people, having served as pastor at the First Methodist Episcopal church, 1892-1896. Shortly after coming to us his heart was saddened by the death of his mother.

A weekly bulletin was started in 1902, and from 1904 to 1908 the Epworth League assumed its entire expense and management. The pulpit platform was carpeted with red velvet through the generosity of Deacon Elbridge Torrey of the "White Church." Early in this pastorate, October 1904, individual communion cups replaced the old common cup set in use since 1869; and new Methodist hymnals were put in use. The first row of pews was removed and a partition put up in its place. In later years this was eliminated. Our vestry platform was made smaller and a wooden altar rail taken down as advantageous to the general use of the room. In the summer of 1904 repairs were made on the church roof; a water-tight preparation applied and a new hot water heater installed in the parsonage.

In 1906, Miss Addie G. Gardner was selected as "Field Secretary" or pastor's assistant. Lawrence University, at Appleton, Wisconsin, awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree to our pastor.

At the close of the year on December 29—Saturday night—a bold attempt was made by incendiaries to destroy the church by fire. Oil soaked rags were placed in four or five places, in boiler room and vestry, but were

discovered blazing by Sexton Samuel W. Wotton on his return to inspect heaters for Sunday. The fire department was summoned and the damage confined to a loss of \$25, paid by the insurance company.

In the first five years of Dr. Phinney's pastorate the mortgage on our church property was reduced from \$23,000 to \$14,000, and several thousand dollars interest paid, as well as current expenses met. A monumental piece of work, The Colonial Fair of 1903, netted \$3500, and a Floral Bazaar with allied efforts in 1905, \$5000. Pastor's salary, 1902-1904, was \$1500 and 1904-1908, \$1700.

The first fruitful seeds were sown by Dr. Phinney in cultivating the friendship of Charles H. Greenwood, that later developed at death into his bequest to our church. As a minister Dr. Phinney was probably the most beloved and respected by the entire community, of any that ever served in our pulpit. He resigned the pastorate December 15, 1907, effective at the end of conference year, April 1, 1908. Hundreds of citizens, proprietors of business, parishioners, nearby pastors, and the children of the Sunday school, signed resolutions urging that he change his mind about resignation. He was firm in the belief that a change, and a year of rest for him, would be the best for all concerned after his arduous tasks of six years service.

It could well be said that; George Alcott Phinney, D.D., died November 21, 1911 of a broken heart. Funeral services were held at Dorchester First Methodist Episcopal Church, Friday, November 24, 1911, at 1 P.M., and burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Cliftondale, Mass.

"We Shall Meet, But We Shall Miss Him!"

*Note:—*The "White Church" (Rev. Arthur D. Little, pastor), Codman Square, was badly gutted by fire early Thursday morning, January 16, 1908. Four alarms quickly sounded for horse-drawn apparatus and heroic work by the firemen under Chief John A. Mullen, was all that saved this historic old landmark from complete destruction.

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REV. CHARLES E. DAVIS

1908

was appointed by the Conference in April 1908. Capable and well liked, he resigned January 1, 1909, to accept the presidency of Wilbraham Academy.

REV. ALFRED A. WRIGHT*

served the unexpired term of Rev. Charles E. Davis until the next conference April 1909, only about three months in which he hardly got to know his people or they to make his acquaintance.

Without any reflection on the preachers, this year, 1908-1909 was termed by the Conference as, "an inexcusable blunder in administration; months of wasted time, needless anxiety and irreparable loss."

* Our preacher January 7 and 21, 1917. No service January 14, 1917.

The appointment of Rev. F. A. Gould by the New England Conference to our church was practically refused on the ground that he was too old for the work. After much discussion the Rev. Marshall Blaine Lytle was transferred here from the Pittsburgh Conference on June 6, 1909, rather late in the season for effective work. Attacking the problem with his youth and vitality a *Fortieth (Year) Anniversary* of the Warren Street Church was celebrated on Sunday, November 21, 1909. Special services were held:

“CONSECRATION”	AT 10:30 A.M.
“FRATERNAL”	AT 3:00 O’CLOCK
and “JUBILEE”	AT 7:30 P.M.

Bishop Henry W. Warren, DD., LL.D., was the principal speaker at the morning and evening services. Addresses by the pastors of six neighboring churches made up the afternoon meeting. (See *Zion’s Herald*, November 24, 1909 and Fortieth Anniversary church program). The results of this eventful day was four thousand dollars in gold laid upon the altar, and forty new members taken into the church. During 1910-1911 popular evening services were attended by an average of four hundred.

A revival campaign was put on in January 1911, by Dr. David L. Martin, the “Physician Evangelist.” Services were held every evening except Saturday from the eighth to twenty-second. There were five cheery Sunday evening services with music by the Temple, Weber, Harvard, Adelphi, and Beethoven Ladies’ Quartettes. Dr. and Mrs. Martin joined our church by certificate October 8, 1911, and the Doctor was appointed assistant pastor that fall.

X ELI CONVERSE MARSH, grandfather of the seventeen-year old boy whose memory is honored by our only memorial window, died Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 1911.

A service was held in memory of Dr. George Alcott Phinney on the first Sunday in February, 1912. Crowded to the doors and side rooms; a tribute, beautiful and impressive, was paid to this beloved former pastor.

On Easter Sunday, 1912, over \$1200 more in gold (self-denial offering) was placed on the altar to help meet deficiencies of \$3000. The pastor's salary at this time was \$2000 per annum. One hundred and eighty-one full connection members were received in three years; and the prayer meeting was changed from Friday to Thursday early in the year 1912.

Brother Samuel W. Wotton, for more than ten years our faithful and efficient sexton, died at this time.

Our pastor continued the acquaintance of Charles H. Greenwood, started earlier by Dr. Phinney. He appealed to him to help our church monetarily with its heavy mortgage—perhaps in some way as a memorial to his mother. Mr. Greenwood was sympathetic and genuinely concerned but he would not provide for the debt as suggested. His final reply was, “not now but later in my own way.”

Rev. Marshall B. Lytle was assigned to St. Paul's Church, Lowell, at Conference, 1912, and later resigned from the ministry to enter private business.

Assigned to our parish on April 15, 1912, the Rev. Charles Edward Spaulding served us faithfully, earnestly and in a very devout manner until January 1, 1917, when he was appointed superintendent of the Worcester District. All the activities of the church were stimulated or reorganized and many new innovations adopted, increasing materially the respect and dignity of our church in the community.

Choir vestments were secured in the fall of 1912. Mark V. Bailey, faithful treasurer of the Sunday school for eighteen consecutive years, passed away December 19, 1912.

A Bible class for ladies, with the pastor as teacher, was formed under the name of the Spaulding Guild, January 9, 1913. After six months of publication by the Tower Club of a four-page church paper, *The Highlands Record*, the *Church Bulletin* succeeded it in a more dignified form, under the able editorship of Miss Addie G. Gardner. The Guild paid the expense of publishing for more than a decade. Upon the death of Miss Addie G. Gardner, July 13, 1913, its editorial work was continued by her dearly beloved friend, Miss Jessie Broomer.

On Easter Sunday, 1913, a self-denial offering to cover deficit in current expenses was made by filling in the word "*Inasmuch*" with blocks of five dollars, or multiples thereof, to the amount of \$1500. "*Inasmuch*" was used again Easter 1914—\$1100, and December 1916—\$1500.

In 1913, 1914 and 1915 Union Summer services were held with the Harvard Congregational church, Gleason Street; and in 1916 with Central Congregational church on Waldeck Street. Our church was kept open in July and the visiting church in August.

A very irregular membership list, out of date and incorrect, was revised and altered reducing from six hundred to three hundred as a correct church membership.

Early in the winter of 1913-1914 the church roof was resingled and single ceiling lights replaced the chandeliers of vestry.

An illuminated star tipped Christmas tree on the church lawn—1913, 1914 and 1915—carried the season's message very effectively to the passer-by. Mayor John F. Fitzgerald got the idea of the Boston Common Community tree from our display. Sunrise services, Easter and Christmas morn, and Christmas eve carol singing for the shut-ins, under the auspices of the Epworth League, were solmenly observed. A Kindergarten for children during the hour of morning worship was held. The Cradle Roll, long under the efficient direction of Miss Annie G. Hall, was started and the Thursday prayer meeting night was changed back to Friday as per usual custom.

(See change of name—Highlands to Greenwood 1913-1914.)

February 8, 1914, was celebrated throughout the state as "Go to Church Sunday"; and Lincoln Memorial Services were also held in our church. During the last of January 1914, and again in October-November 1915, the Dr. Milton S. Rees, Union Evangelistic evening services were held, with the Codman Square group of churches, at the "Second Church."

Rev. Arthur D. Little, D.D., for so long our neighboring pastor, died Sunday, April 11, 1915.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1915, the seven churches started their early morning one-hour praise and song service, with an attendance of nine hundred and fifty in the "White Church."

Our oldest member, Nancy Broadbent, passed away August 21, 1916. Age 94 years, 17 days.

Rev. Micah J. Talbot, D.D., a regular attending retired preacher died August 29, 1916, at the age of ninety-five years. In October, 1916, a committee of three trustees was appointed to look into the possibility of purchasing land next to the parsonage. Assistance was given the William A. "Billy" Sunday Revival Campaign, in the Huntington Avenue Tabernacle, starting November 12, 1916; and a mammoth service was held there on Thanksgiving Day.

It was recommended by Rev. Spaulding that a Semi-Centennial Commission be appointed to have remnant of mortgage and other indebtedness discharged so that our meeting house might be dedicated to the worship of God, free of all debt.

Rev. Charles Edward Spaulding was appointed Superintendent of the Worcester District January 1, 1917, and served there very successfully in "The Heart of the Commonwealth," until 1925. His Alma Mater, Wesleyan University, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him at its commencement, June 1917. After a fall and heart attack his beloved wife, Mabelle Estelle Spaulding, was called to her heavenly home, Monday, December 6, 1920.

From Worcester Dr. Spaulding went to New London, Conn., in the New England Southern Conference, until the spring of 1931. On November 1, 1926, he was married to Miss Jessie A. Broomer, for long connected secretarily with the work of Highlands and Greenwood church. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes at Newton Center, Mass.

Returning to Boston in 1931, he was appointed Preacher in charge of the two churches, Copley and Tremont Street, having Rev. Wm. L. Stidger of Boston University as assistant. Overtaxing his strength in the efforts to peacably unite these two parishes, he was stricken with a heart attack and the "Angel of Death" took him home May 7, 1931. This was only ten days after he had commenced the work here.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Matthew XXV-21.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matthew XI-28.

CHANGE OF NAME— HIGHLANDS TO GREENWOOD

In the will of Charles H. Greenwood, who died April 8, 1913, the Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church was bequeathed five thousand dollars outright, and ten thousand more if the name be changed to "Greenwood Memorial Church." By action of the Quarterly Conference, Tuesday evening, September 23, 1913, Dr. Dillon Bronson, District Superintendent presiding;—the name of our church was officially changed (see later incorporation) by the adoption of the following resolutions:—

"Whereas:

By the will of the late Charles H. Greenwood of Dorchester the church now known as the Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church" is to receive the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) on condition that the name of said church be changed to the "Greenwood Memorial Church" in memory of Sarah Greenwood the mother of said Charles H. Greenwood, and,

Whereas:

The said Sarah Greenwood was an old time resident of Dorchester, a loyal Methodist and a devout Christian, one whose memory we do well to honor, therefore,

Resolved:

That the name of the "Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church" be, and that it hereby is changed to the "Greenwood Memorial Church."

Resolved:

That all the assets of the Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church and all the liabilities of said church be and hereby are transferred to and assumed by the Greenwood Memorial Church."

The final payment on this legacy was made during 1915.

According to the "Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the 36th, 109th and 125th Chapters, and Amendments thereto"; an Agreement of Association was signed March 9, 1914. On March 13 was held the first meeting for organization; it was agreed to accept the Greenwood bequest under the terms given, and Ervin T. Trefethen was elected president; James H. Maynard, clerk; and Herbert B. Griffin, treasurer.

May 11, 1914, the "Greenwood Memorial Church" was legally organized and established as an existing corporation. Not, however, until a conveyance deed, dated July 10, 1923, and recorded March 31, 1924 (Suffolk Deeds, Libro 4560, Page 91), was the property officially granted by the "Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church," to the "Greenwood Memorial Church."

CHARLES H. GREENWOOD—AND HIS PARENTS

Charles Henry Greenwood was a liberal contributor during his life, and benefactor at death, of our church. He was born April 9, 1832, the son of Artemus and Sarah (Dudley) Greenwood, devout Methodists, and early members of the Dorchester First Methodist Episcopal church. Artemus was born in Needham and died in 1863 at the age of sixty-eight. Sarah Dudley was born in Wayland and died in 1886, age ninety-two. She was a great friend of Sarah J. Baker, benefactress of Baker Memorial church at Uphams Corner.

The large Greenwood farm was located on Harvard Street between Waterlow and Gleason Streets, running back to Mt. Bowdoin. Through this large estate ran the old (1849) Boston, Hartford & Erie Railroad, later New York and New England, and today, the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. The homestead, 129 Harvard Street, was a white clapboard house, set back from the street, near what is now Greenwood Street. Somewhat further along and to the rear sat the well-kept barn in which was found a fine herd of cows. "Charlie" Greenwood was a farmer, milkman, and later real estate operator. He attended the old Harvard Congregational church and was a bachelor.

After the death of his parents, the farm was developed into a thickly settled district of homes, by profitable real estate transactions. It is said that he left an estate of nearly three-quarters of a million. Charles was a shrewd, deep-thinking, peculiar, kindly, generous individual, well liked by his tenants and neighbors. He died at the old homestead on April 8, 1913 at 11:45 A.M., age eighty years, eleven months twenty-nine days, and was laid to rest April 11, 1913, in Mt. Hope Cemetery. The family lot is No. 248, on Landon Walk, between Mt. Hope and Central Avenues.

Charles H. Greenwood's plain, simply marked gravestone, beside that of his mother, bears the inscription:—

"I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."—John XVII-4.

Rev. George Hazelton Spencer came to us as pastor January 28, 1917, preaching in the vestry until March 18, during repairs upstairs. About ten o'clock Saturday night, January 13, 1917, a fire in the sixty-five foot rear church chimney tower caused damage to Guild room, auditorium and roof, amounting to over \$1000. Quick action by the fire department saved a greater and more serious loss. There were no church services that Sunday as the vestry was pretty well water-soaked and heating plant out of commission.

The Rev. Alfred A. Wright, D.D., supplied our pulpit January 7, and 21.

The "Inasmuch" motto was used Easter, 1917 to raise \$1500, and in 1918 over \$1000. It served again in 1919, aided by pledges, gifts of Liberty Bonds, etc., to clear up notes and deficits amounting to \$5000. In this drive, prior to the dedication of our church, Miss Annie G. Hall generously assured the success of the undertaking by contributing \$1000, and Mr. E. T. Trefethen and the Spaulding Guild another \$1000.

Upon declaration of war by the United States, April 6, 1917, the use of our church was offered for any needed purpose during the war, to Governor Samuel W. McCall and through him to the nation. The Greenwood Red Cross unit, Mrs. George Cohen and Mrs. A. J. Long, "chairwomen," organized April 26, 1917, very actively and effectively aided this splendid cause. Z. Carleton Staples was ordained at the time of the war and presented by our church with a portable communion set, suitably encased, for service on foreign fields.

The Epworth League Anniversary was fittingly celebrated May 13, 1917.

During the first three months of 1918, for fuel saving and in the interest of economy, church services were held in the vestry.

After several years of Union Services, we met in our own church through the entire summer of 1918, but in 1919 we united again with the Harvard Street Congregational Church, at home in July, away for August. In the spring and fall of that year over \$2000 was given to "The Centenary Movement."

More than forty of our young men served honorably in the various branches of service during "The World War"; and six gloriously gave their all in the great cause to preserve humanity. (See memorials.)

One of the greatest events in our church life was the *Fiftieth Anniversary* of the founding of Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church; and *Dedication* of the present edifice, March 19 to March 30, 1919.

Program in brief:

Wednesday, March 19: *Women's Missionary Society Jubilee.*

Friday, March 21: *Ladies' Aid Reception.*

Former pastors and their wives, former members of the church, local ministers, etc., participating. After a social hour in the vestry,—

The Burning of the Mortgage.

Auditorium service was held at 8 o'clock. Treasurer A. E. Goldsmith presented the cancelled mortgage note to Miss Jessie Broomer, who, with a match, burned it at the altar before a grateful and happy people, who had sacrificed so much for this event through nineteen years of the century.

Sunday, March 23: *Anniversary Service and Sermon*
10:30 A.M.

The Rev. Willis P. Odell, D.D., our District Superintendent was the speaker.

Service of Dedication 4:30 P.M.

Sermon by Rev. Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, D.D.

Mr. Winthrop B. Robinson, a G. A. R. veteran and President of the Board of Trustees, spoke as follows:

“Bishop Hughes, we present unto you this building, to be dedicated as a church for the worship and service of Almighty God.

The Dedication by the Bishop followed.

“Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To Thee we dedicate this church.”

Wednesday, March 26: *Anniversary Banquet 7:30.*

Auspices Men's Club.

Thursday, March 27: *Spaulding Guild Guest Night 8:00 P.M.*

Friday, March 28: *Young People's Anniversary 8:00 P.M.*, auspices Sunday school and Epworth League.

Sunday, March 30: *Holy Communion 10:30 A.M.*

With baptisms and reception of new members.

Sunday school at noon.

Epworth League 6:30 P.M.

Community Vespers 4 P.M.

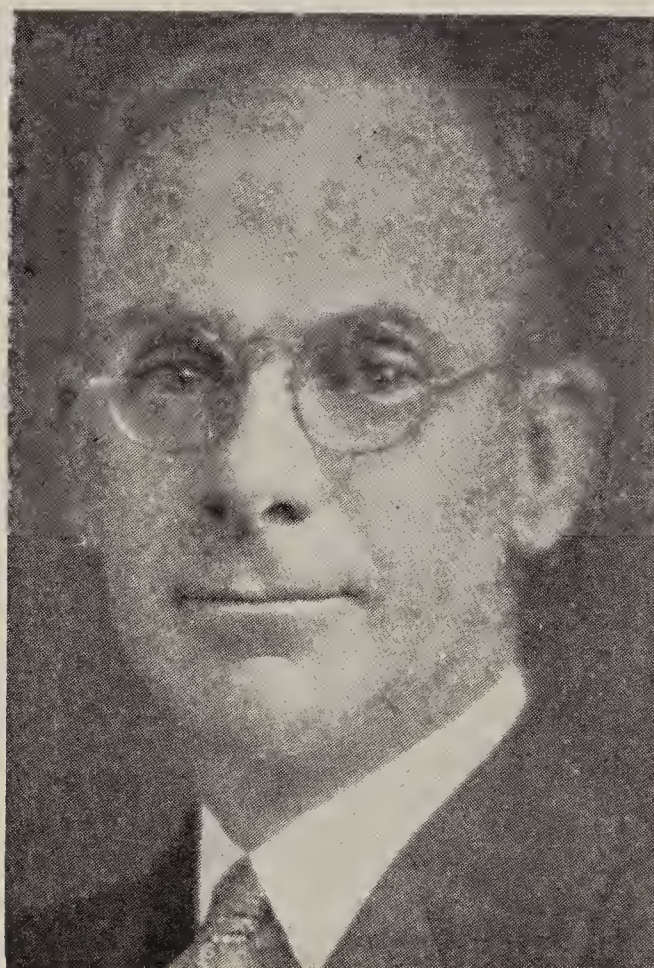
Organ recital by Dr. A. T. Davison, organist Harvard University, with singing by the University choir; and address by Rev. Herbert A. Manchester, D.D.

(For details, see special church bulletin or *Boston Globe*, March 19, 1919.)

At the Official Board meeting, March 21, 1919, it was voted to have Rev. George H. Spencer remain as pastor until appointed secretary of the Massachusetts Bible Society and the Rev. Robert M. Pierce to come and fill our pulpit at that time.

Rev. Spencer is still serving capably as secretary of the Massachusetts Bible Society.

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REV. ROBERT M. PIERCE

Pastor 1919-1925

Preaching for the first time to his new flock of about three hundred and twenty-five members, September 7, 1919, Rev. Robert M. Pierce came to Greenwood church from his work as Counselor and Camp Pastor at Devens. Not over rugged himself and with a lot of family sickness he was handicapped at first in the work. Our people rallied to his support, gave him an increase in salary, and the gift of a new Ford car in 1920. The church work began to improve and the Official Board increased his salary by three hundred dollars the next year, as further evidence of their appreciation of his efforts.

The Martin Class with Dr. Martin as teacher and Carl Payson, president, was organized in 1919. A lot of land south of the parsonage was purchased for \$4800 in 1920; extensive repairs amounting to \$1500 made on the church roof valleys, low side roofs, tower, etc.; and \$3000 contributed by the parish to "The Centenary" Movement. Mr. E. T. Trefethen generously donated \$1600 for our church work that year, including \$500 on the land account. The Rev. Ralph A. Davis supplied our pulpit during the summer vacation of the minister. In December a three-day "Pilgrim Fair" of the Ladies' Aid Society netted about \$1400 which was applied on the purchase of land, adjoining parsonage, account.

Winthrop B. Robinson, old G. A. R. veteran, beloved member, active trustee, and president of the official board of our church, passed away February 6, 1921.

A Grand Minstrel Show under the auspices of the Martin Class, ably assisted by the "Alpha Class" girls, was presented in the Sarah Greenwood School Center on Tuesday, April 25, 1922. Four hundred dollars was raised for a welfare fund. A company of sixty produced the minstrel first part on a specially arranged stage, with two orchestras, dancer, comedians, soloists, cornetist, etc.; twenty more took part in the olio. John H. Whittier was coach and Lawrence F. Berry directed the arrangements. A month later by request the entire production was staged in the Dorchester High School Hall as a benefit for Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 68, G. A. R., of which Dr. Martin was chaplain.

Mr. Willard E. Jones began his long service as collector in 1921 and J. H. Maynard was elected our church treasurer November 1923.

Our Wayside Pulpit, a gift of Miss Harriette Long, was set up in the spring of 1922.

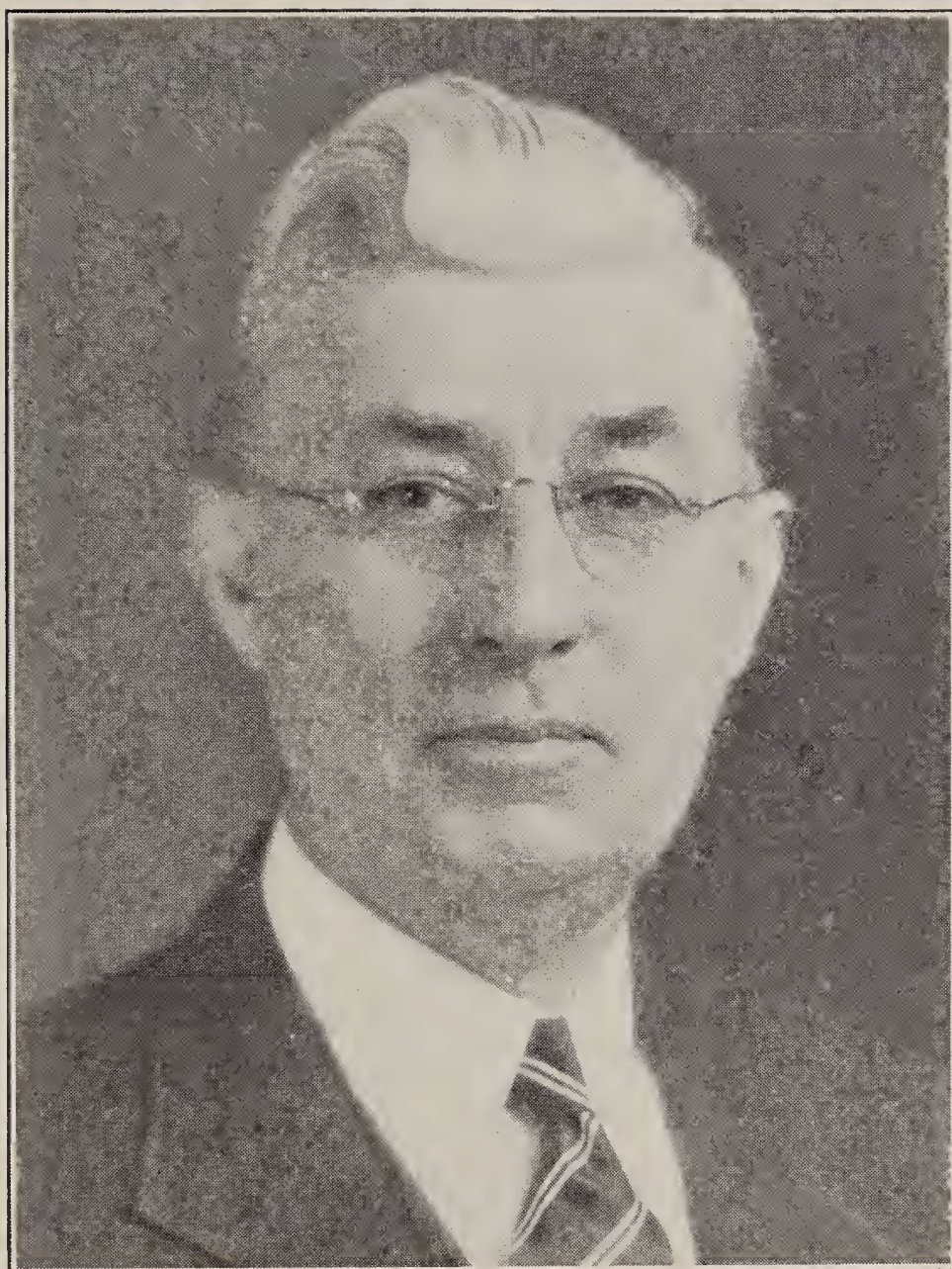
During 1923 the old troublesome, noisy, water power motor in organ was replaced by a modern electric bellows pump and other repairs made to pipes, etc., at a cost of five hundred dollars. New choir vestments, change in balcony for Sunday school primary department, lawn carnival, Dr. Martin and Charles F. Hasey, directors, were events of 1924. Pastor's salary raised to \$2800.

Another rear chimney tower fire Saturday, February 16, 1924, at about 10:30 P.M., damaged the church to the extent of \$1400. Brick and tile replaced the old metal lining to avoid future possible destruction of our edifice, twice saved by an efficient fire department that happened to be in quarters nearby when the emergency arose.

With a revived interest all the church organizations pushed forward under Rev. Pierce and prospered, especially the young peoples work. Many new members were received and baptisms were numerous. The district superintendent said in 1924, "Each year of Robert M. Pierce's pastorate is better than the last."

Cleon Hopkins, famous trumpeter, materially increased the attendance at evening services during the fall and winter of 1924-1925. The Martin Class assumed the added expense of this feature. In the spring of 1925, new electric fixtures were installed in the parsonage as a gift of Mr. Trefethen, and repairs made by the Ladies' Aid in preparation for occupancy by the new minister.

After serving well the First Methodist Episcopal church of Somerville from 1925 to 1931, Brother Pierce was appointed as superintendent of the Worcester district, and holds that position today with marked success.



REV. EVERETT L. FARNSWORTH

Pastor 1925-

"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."—Nehemiah IV-6.

In the spring of 1925, Rev. Everett L. Farnsworth was assigned to this pastorate, and started early, through co-operation of all organizations, to improve the church property as well as to care for spiritual needs.

The silk Christian Church Flag was presented by the Sunday school on Memorial Day Sunday, May 31. During the week of October 11 to 18, inclusive, was observed the *Twenty-fifth Anniversary Services*. On Sunday evening, October 11, five Chinese boys were baptised and the silk State Flag was presented by Brother Seth D. Geer in memory of his wife. Tuesday evening: Reception to visiting ministers, with a caterer's banquet, after which an inspection was held of the new church parlor with its memorial furnishings. The changes made in kitchen layout were also shown. Five hundred dollars was expended by the Ladies' Aid Society on these improvements. Thursday evening: Communion, reception of members and a choir recital. Sunday, October 18: Preaching and song services, with the raising of money to complete for the week a total of \$1100.

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On January 4, 1926, the Sunday school balcony was occupied for the first time by the primary department. The yearly budget of the church was estimated as \$8000. Our Ladies' Aid Society purchased an upright piano for the new parlor, and assumed the expense of church calendars, discontinued March 1, 1926, by the Spaulding Guild after thirteen years. The group or "circle" plan of the "Aid" started in the fall of 1925, was reported as working well. A special Easter offering netted \$300 for current expenses, and on Sunday, Memorial Day, was dedicated our silk "Service Flag" (see memorials).

The last S. S. Picnic, a customary event for many, many years, was held at Houghtons Pond this June. During the summer the parsonage was repaired and painted, new electric light fixtures were installed in the church auditorium by gift of Mr. E. T. Trefethen and services were held at home this year. Lightning struck the church tower in August tearing off shingles and splintering boards.

Commencing Sunday, October 3, 1926, the Senior and Adult Sunday school Bible classes met in the audience room together, and our new stereopticon was first used October 10. The fall convention of the American Bible Class was held in our church October 19, also in 1928 and 1931.

A "Puritan Fair," December 8, 1926, netted about \$500. Mr. E. T. Trefethen, for years a faithful trustee and liberal contributor of our church, moved to Portsmouth, N. H., in the middle of December. The Martin Class sponsored the illuminated Christmas tree on the church lawn, and a pageant, "When the Star Shone" was produced on the enlarged auditorium platform.

The Ladies' Aid gift of a new Communion Linen was first used on Good Friday, 1927, and on Easter Sunday, April 17, the congregation made a special offering of \$900.

During the Spring of 1927, Mrs. Clara S. Newcomb, in a very quiet unassuming manner, furnished the hymnal boards at the sides of chancel arch.

In May, the land, now Community House site, was cleaned up and beautified by the planting of a large central flower bed by Mr. B. F. Letson. On Sunday, May 29, the leather-bound hymnals for use on pulpit and prayer stand were presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maynard as a memorial to their daughter. In the summer the vestry was renovated by needed repairs and painting, and services were held in our own church.

Our present Communion set was used for the first time October 2, 1927. This was presented by Mr. Hugh Munro and family as a memorial to Mrs. Annie Munro.

"Carnival of Holidays" was the name of fair held Wednesday, November 30.

Our church in membership gave the Red Cross \$68.00 in May and in December 1927, contributed \$110 to the Vermont Flood Relief, for use of the Methodist Episcopal parishes in the stricken area.

The annual Exchange Sunday among the pastors of the Protestant churches of Dorchester was introduced in 1928.

X In the crowded church auditorium Sunday night, March 25, 1928, the two beautiful life-size paintings, "*Christ the Good Shepherd*," and "*Christ in the Garden*,"

were presented by Artist Albert Von Reigers in honor of the founder of the American Bible Class, Dr. David L. Martin.

The set of chimes for our organ was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Trefethen at the service Sunday morning, September 16, 1928, "That we may be remembered."

Frank Jensen, student preacher, joined our church staff September 30 as a helper in the Sunday school and Epworth League work.

Three weeks of Evangelistic services during the last of October and first of November were held by Dr. Milton S. Rees in our church. Mr. Everett Crumrine closed his work as organist and musical director, Sunday, October 28, and Mr. Whitman S. Browne assumed the work November 4.

The Fair this year, November 21, was called "The Radio Bazaar."

X Sunday school classes first met in the Community House, December 9; and in the church auditorium Sunday, December 23, was produced an effective Christmas pageant, "The Light of the World." Three hundred dollars worth of Christmas baskets filled with fruit and dinners were distributed to the shut-in and needy of our parish.

Community House forums were held Sunday at 4 p.m. during February, March and April and again in the fall of the year. Special speakers and musical features attracted good attendances. On Monday, March 4, the pastor and Dr. Martin attended the inauguration of Herbert Hoover as President of the United States.

Our well-known, beloved and faithful brother, Seth D. Geer passed away May 19, 1929.

The church membership list numbered four hundred and twenty at this time. No official part was taken by our congregation in the Gipsy Smith campaign. Sunday, October 6, 1929 saw the introduction of our present type, inside printed, church calendar.

The Ladies' Aid Society had one of their best years. The fair on Wednesday, November 6, was called "Italian Bazaar" or "Italian Fete." One thousand dollars was pledged by the Aid to the Community House, and the Union Thanksgiving service was held in Greenwood Church. Christmas was appropriately celebrated with concert and repeated pageant, "When the Star Shone."

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During the spring of 1930 eight hundred dollars was spent on renovating the parsonage; new kitchen furnishings—sink, stove, linoleum, etc., were installed. Painting, papering, floor-work, rugs, etc., materially modernized the house.

The five churches of our Codman Square group joined in a Union Boston Tercentenary service at the "White Church," Sunday evening, March 30, 1930.

Our Easter offering, April 20, amounted to seven hundred dollars. Due to extensive removals and racial change in this section our membership fell off to about three hundred and eighty. Average Sunday school attendance was two hundred and eighty. Union services were held in the summer with Central Church—there in July—at home for August.

"Ye Olde Colonial Fair" was held Wednesday, December 3, 1930.

"The Light of the Ages" was the pageant produced at Christmas.

A good list of new members received through the year and on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1931, increased our membership over last year to about four hundred and twenty-five.

Mrs. Martha E. Hoyt, long an attendant of our church, left, upon her decease in April, the sum of three hundred dollars which has been preserved as a memorial fund.

The Dudley Radio Carollers featured the services Sunday, June 21, and on October 20, at the National Convention of the American Bible class in our building, we were favored with an address by Rev. Howard W. Ferrin, "Mountaineer," and solos by Carleton Booth of the Providence Bible Institute.

Our church edifice received a much-needed coat of paint externally in July during Union services at Central Congregational Church.

The "Fairless Fairs" were inaugurated this year, reports being made at the supper of November 4, 1931.

Our pastor was the leader of the Union Thanksgiving service held at Dorchester Temple. Christmas services consisted of the usual concert and pageant, "The Christ of the Prophets."

Although the church itself suffered no direct loss, several of its organizations, such as the Ladies' Aid Society, Community House, etc., together with the pastor and many of our people, were hit by the failure of The Industrial Bank and Trust Co. in 1931.

“The Way of the Cross,” an impressive pageant with forty characters, was produced Easter Sunday, March 27. In April Miss Annie G. Hall presented the electric clock that hangs in our vestry.

In the summer kitchen improvements were made consisting of a new double sink, Vulcan gas range, large cabinet oven, two coffee urns, hot water tank, and additional equipment.

On October 30 a “Hercules” oil burner, with two hundred and seventy-five gallon fuel tank, installed in the steam heating plant, was used for the first time. Our Ladies’ Aid Society financed the project costing \$325. “Fairless Fair,” November 2, 1932.

The early morning Thanksgiving group service, November 24, was held in Greenwood church with Dr. Shepler as leader. Over fifty baskets were given away to the needy to add a bit of cheer in these trying times.

In December a new Crawford steam boiler had to be put in to replace the old one that burnt out unexpectedly during the cold spell. An appeal Christmas raised \$1072 to pay for boiler, installation, fireproof heater room, etc.

The impressive “Manger Scene” in miniature, with all the characters of the Christmas story was first produced this year through the courtesy of Mr. B. F. Letson. On the evening of December 18, the pageant, “Song of the Angels,” was produced, no evening service being held Christmas Sunday night.

During the last week of December the old original Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church—1869—Communion set was dug out of its hiding place under the choir loft, was cleaned and installed in a cabinet hung on the wall of the Trustees’ room.

On account of the depression, cold, and small attendance, it was voted by the congregation, two to one, to discontinue regular Sunday evening services for January, February and March.

A special memorial service for Calvin Coolidge was held Sunday evening, January 15; and the Martin Class sponsored an evening service February 26.

The Boston Emergency Relief Campaign was conducted during the week of January 16, and a Church Directory was published and distributed by an advertising agent in February.

By vote again of the congregation March 19 and 26, regular evening services were discontinued for April and May. A pageant, "He Liveth," Easter Sunday evening, April 16, and an illustrated travelogue, "The Holy Land," April 30, were the only evening services during those two months.

A Martin Class service with the Doctor as speaker, and New England's famous baritone, Edward MacHugh, guest soloist, crowded the auditorium on the evening of October 29.

Prohibition was repealed in 1933.

In October the Martin Class started meeting in the vestry Sunday mornings at 9:30, the Doctor teaching again at noon in Needham.

A "Fairless Fair," with its "Melting Pot" for old, discarded gold and silver, was held November 1.

The early morning group Thanksgiving service was at Dorchester Temple.

On Sunday morning, December 3, 1933, Mrs. Mary Kevan presented the gold cross given by the Spaulding Guild, as a memorial and loving tribute to Dr. Charles Edward Spaulding, pastor 1912-1917.

The new Communion rail was also dedicated, given as a loving memorial to David and Margaret Wood by the members of their family.

The Christmas pageant given on December 24 was "The Coming of the Christ Child."

The Boston Emergency Relief Campaign was carried on again this year in January, several of our church members lending their assistance. Federal Government food supplies, such as eggs, butter, flour, meats, etc., together with orders for coal, were distributed by the pastor during the winter to the needy of our parish. Due to the extreme cold weather (temperature as low as eighteen degrees below zero) an additional burden was added upon our church treasury in the amount of extra coal and oil needed for heating purposes. Income was curtailed and there was much sickness among our people.

On February 11 the Martin Class returned from their 9:30 vestry meetings, to the Community House at noon, but with Mr. Arthur Dempsey as teacher.

"The Seven Last Words" by DuBois was rendered by our choir with violin and cello accompaniment, Good Friday night. "Into Galilee" was the Easter pageant April first.

Dr. Martin underwent a surgical operation in April and was confined for a few weeks at the Forest Hills Hospital returning to the class Sunday, May 6.

Usual Union services were held at Central Congregational church in July.

In the fall our hot air heater in southwest corner of church basement was renewed and repiped.

Our former pastor, Rev. Robert M. Pierce was the speaker, with his son John, as soloist, at a largely attended evening service October 28.

In these stringent times over five hundred dollars was raised, partly through the old gold and silver "melting pot," at the "Fairless Fair," Wednesday, November 7.

Early morning Thanksgiving group service at Second Congregational church, Codman Square.

In December the parsonage was saddened by the death of Mrs. Farnsworth's father. (December 10th.)

The Christmas pageant was "The Other Shepherd."

An offering of three hundred dollars and a special souvenir calendar picturing the Three Wise Men in color featured the services at Christmas.

Early in 1935 it was decided that extensive repairs were needed both inside and outside of our church edifice. A committee was organized, known as "*The Thirty-fifth Anniversary Committee*," with Mr. Birket F. Letson as chairman, to arrange suitable celebrations in the fall and winter of 1935-1936. Efforts were soon put forward to raise about \$2000 for a badly needed new roof, interior decorating of the auditorium, and outside painting, together with the necessary repairs.

After the annual budget was successfully pledged, things were talked up and on Easter Sunday, April 21, with enthusiasm at a high pitch, a plate offering of five hundred dollars was collected and \$2200 was subscribed in about twenty-two minutes, for shares (par value, one dollar each) in "*The Thirty-fifth Anniversary Improvement Fund*." Miss Annie G. Hall subscribed for the first three hundred shares, three hundred dollars. Payments were payable June 1 or in two or three installments, June 1, September 20 and November 20. Over one thousand dollars was paid on June 1.

Rev. E. L. Farnsworth began his eleventh year as pastor of Greenwood Memorial Church Sunday, May 12.

The contract for covering the entire roof with asphalt shingles, copper gutters, flashings, and wings, aprons, and boarding in the old choir loft skylight, was awarded the Dix Lumber Co., who performed the work during the last week of June and first week in July at a cost of \$1150. While Union summer services were held at Central Congregational Church in July the auditorium and side rooms were painted. New modern electric lights were installed replacing the old style ones above choir loft arch, rear of audience room and side rooms. The church parlor downstairs was also refinished and various church and parsonage repairs made.

Robert J. Maynard, long a devoted worker and beloved member of our church died Saturday, June 15 1935, after a long suffering pulmonary illness. He had served faithfully until no longer able, as secretary and president of the Martin Class, secretary of the Community House Board of Directors, and secretary of the Official Board.

The "Wayside Pulpit" was repaired and set up again in the summer after more than a year's absence.

In November the exterior of the church was painted at an expense of four hundred and forty dollars. A kitchenette adjoining church parlor was added at this time and a "Hercules" oil burner installed in the parsonage heater; both G. L. A. projects (Greenwood Ladies' Aid).

An official Greenwood Memorial Church Seal was donated by Mr. B. F. Letson, and first used for demonstration, on the calendars, Sunday, November 3d.

The fifth "Fairless Fair" Wednesday the sixth netted four hundred and sixty-five dollars.

Rev. Otis W. Foye of Dorchester Temple led the 7 A.M. Union Thanksgiving service held in our church this year.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary services of the laying of the corner stone and the erection of present edifice were opened in a beautiful floral-decorated auditorium, Sunday morning, December 1. A Rededication of Church service was held, followed by the reception of twenty-two new members, symbolical of the twenty-two years this structure has borne the name of Greenwood Memorial Church. An inspiring sermon on "THE RIGHT MIND," was given by Dr. Charles S. Otto, superintendent of Boston district; and a beautiful Communion table, gift of the Ladies' Aid, was presented by Mrs. B. F. Letson, president.

Usual Epworth League services at 6:30 P.M. with Carl V. Payson, a former president, as guest speaker.

In the evening the four, two candle, electric sconces on the walls of side aisles were given in memory of: *The Departed Members of the Martin Class*, some thirty in number, by the class.

In Memory of Frank A. Gaynor, by his wife, Mrs. May H. Gaynor.

In Memory of Mrs. Nellie F. Milk, by her granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth M. Letson.

In Memory of Frank J. Chase, by his daughters, Lura and Estelle.

This very inspiring testimonial service was followed by HOLY COMMUNION, using the handsome new table with its carved inscription "*In Remembrance of Me.*"

The entire day's effective services were augmented by special music of our talented choir and musical director-organist, ROY S. STOUGHTON.

On the evening of Monday, December 2, before adjournment to the vestry for a neighborly reunion of old and new members with visitors and friends, the history of this church organization, "*Greenwood Memorial Church, Its Ancestry and Growth with the Neighborhood*," was read by LAWRENCE F. BERRY, *Historian*.

THE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET was held in a crowded vestry at 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, December 4. A catered turkey dinner was followed by remarks by Rev. Robert M. Pierce, superintendent Worcester district; Dr. Charles S. Otto, Boston district superintendent, and Rev. Everett L. Farnsworth. Mr. Birket F. Letson was toastmaster. Our guest speaker was Bishop Charles Welsey Burns, D.D., who in his inimitable manner held the audience amused as well as inspired by his brilliant wit and serious discourse. His subject being, "*The Three Point Creed*," that if developed by the Christian Church would have a far-reaching effect in bringing this old world back to its senses and normal existence. Special emphasis was placed on the fact that it should be *A Simple Creed*, understood by all ages; *A Workable Creed*, easy to apply to this day's problems; and, *A Serviceable Creed*, that would benefit all mankind and bring universal peace and goodwill toward men.

Christmas services were largely attended Sunday, December 22, in the auditorium handsomely decorated with poinsettias and evergreens. The usual production of a pageant in the evening was omitted this year, but a splendid longer concert was given by the Sunday school.

*"We may build more splendid habitations,
Fill our rooms with paintings and with sculptures
But we can not buy with gold the old associations!
(Longfellow's, "The Golden Milestone.")*

SUMMARY—PASTORS

NORFOLK HALL

E. S. J. McALLISTER	1895-1896
J. W. STEPHAN	1896-1898
CHARLES TILTON	1898-1900
WILLIAM H. MEREDITH	1900-1901

PRESENT BUILDING

WILLIAM H. MEREDITH	1901-1902
GEORGE ALCOTT PHINNEY	1902-1908
CHARLES E. DAVIS } ALFRED A. WRIGHT }	1908-1909
MARSHALL B. LYTLE	1909-1912
CHARLES EDWARD SPAULDING	1912-1917
GEORGE HAZELTON SPENCER	1917-1919
ROBERT M. PIERCE	1919-1925
EVERETT L. FARNSWORTH	1925 to date

“THE FORGOTTEN MAN”

The author would pay tribute here to “THE FORGOTTEN MAN,” Rev. Marshall B. Lytle.

In the first year’s pastorate (1909) Rev. Lytle was instrumental at the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of Highlands M. E. Church in raising \$4000 in gold, placed upon the altar Sunday, as forty new members were taken into this church. Easter, 1912, \$1200 more was raised.

Through Evangelistic services with Dr. David L. Martin, “The Physician Evangelist,” as speaker; and Rev. Lytle passing about the auditorium, even sitting beside strangers in the pews, with a kindly invitation to become a Christian; many folks joined this church. In three years one hundred and eighty-one new members were received, perhaps a record for this organization.

And yet, less than ten years later, at the Fiftieth Anniversary and Dedication celebration in 1919, Rev. Marshall B. Lytle was not invited,—“THE FORGOTTEN MAN.”

Mine not to reason why!

“Some day we’ll understand.”

Part Four



Organizations

Old Members

Memorials

Greenwood Church Community House
Inc.

PRESIDENTS OR CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Who direct the business affairs of the church.

1900-1935

JOHN H. KELLAR

ISAAC C. JUDKINS

A. B. SMITH

ERVIN T. TREFETHEN

H. B. GRIFFIN

WINTHROP B. ROBINSON

DR. DAVID L. MARTIN

ERVIN T. TREFETHEN

JAMES H. MAYNARD

TREASURERS SINCE THE CENTURY BEGAN

The difficult financial problems of our church have been faithfully and honestly handled by these few sterling men since 1900.

ISAAC C. JUDKINS	1900-1903
who also served as chairman of the building committee.	
PHINEAS ELTON	1903-1906
LOUIS S. DICKER	1907-1911
H. B. GRIFFIN	1912-1915
A. E. GOLDSMITH	1916-1921
SUMNER NEWCOMB	1922-1923
Our youngest treasurer.	
JAMES H. MAYNARD	1924 to date
The longest in service.	✓ 1951-✓

The longest term as collector has been that of the present incumbent since 1921,

WILLARD E. JONES

EF Freeman 1951-1972

SEXTONS—PRESENT EDIFICE

SAMUEL W. WOTTON

H. WARREN SPENCER

RAYMOND GOULD

SAMUEL HELLEWELL

HENRY HARTLEY

THOMAS HARTLEY

ALVIN R. GALE

FRANK L. DUNN

F. A. TISDALE

With the installation of oil burner in the steam-boiler, and extra work of setting up tables, arranging seats, enlarging vestry platform, etc., being done by the organizations involved, the duties of a sexton have been reduced to a minimum. During the last few years the pastor's supervision of the work has made only a part time sexton necessary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Our Sunday school, established as early as the founding of the church, is probably the most important department we have, as through the Sunday school children get their first contact with the church.

"... and a little child shall lead them."—*Isaiah XI-6.*

The following able superintendents have directed the policies of our school during the past thirty-five years:—

O. H. BRESEE	1901-1903
GEORGE L. SLEEPER	1903-1906
ERVIN T. TREFETHEN	1906-1908
EDWARD H. BELL	1908-1914
E. J. BAKER	1914-1915
ARTHUR L. GREELEY	1916-1917
Z. CARLETON STAPLES	1918-1922
World War Chaplain	
ACTING SUPERINTENDENT	Part of 1918-1919
JENNESS E. MORRILL	
RALPH W. BOWERS	1921
C. DOUGLAS BRESEE	1923-1924
FRANK W. BLANCHARD	1925-1933
HOWARD L. MACPHEE	1934—

Now retired, but for many, many years head of the primary department, we honor, Mrs. Annie Morrison.

Frank W. Blanchard holds the longest record for service, two years as assistant and over eight years as superintendent. Under Mr. Blanchard's direction our little-used auditorium balcony was converted, by sliding sash, into a class room for the primary department. The cost of this improvement, about six hundred dollars, was financed in the fall of 1924 by a loan of Mr. E. T. Trefethen, and was paid for by the Sunday school in a period of three years.

Credit is also due the Sunday school for the gift of our Christian Church Flag, and the present portable auditorium stage used for pageants, concerts, etc.

One of our boys, William G. Sewell, has successfully served in the ministry for over a dozen years; first as a Methodist, then as the Congregational field was not as crowded and better opportunities were offered, he transferred to that group. For six years he has been at The Pilgrim Congregational Church, North Weymouth. He is happily married and greatly assisted in the work by his wife, Lucille Long Sewell, another of Greenwood Memorial's Sunday school products. Both William and Lucille were long active in our Epworth League.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

To record the activities and usefulness of this branch of our work would require several volumes. No group in the entire history of our church has aided in its financial support to the extent that the Ladies' Aid Society has. In any crisis requiring money to carry on the ladies have produced it; raising hundreds, even thousands of dollars by fairs, bazaars, suppers, entertainments and the like.

Notable examples:—

“Powell Bonds” (1901), \$3000, including the entire cost of organ at \$1530.

“Colonial Fair” (1903), \$3500.

Floral Bazaar,” and allied efforts (1905), \$5000.

“Great Pilgrim Fair” (1920), \$1400 for land adjoining parsonage account.

“Lawn Carnival” (1924) \$900.

“Puritan Fair” 1926

“Carnival of Holidays” 1927

“Radio Bazaar” 1928

“Italian Fete” 1929

“Ye Old Colonial Fair” 1930

“Fairless Fair” 1931, 1932, to date; all netting from \$500 to \$1500.

Extensive parsonage repairs and improvements, and the renewal or addition of furnishings, on various occasions have been cared for by the Aid.

The expense of publication of our church calendars during the past decade has been a much-appreciated Ladies' Aid benevolence. Alteration of Sunday school kindergarten into church parlor, and kitchen improvements in 1925 were paid for by this organization. It furnished new Communion linen, first used Good Friday, 1927; and made generous gifts to Community House fund in 1928-1929. Again in 1932 the kitchen was completely renovated with new equipment.

During the Thirty-fifth Anniversary, the Aid subscribed for three hundred dollars worth of bonds, installed the church parlor kitchenette, put an oil burner in the parsonage and presented the handsome Communion table with its deep carved,

"In Remembrance of Me."

PRESIDENTS OF LADIES' AID 1900-1935

MRS. H. A. SIBLEY	1901-1906
MRS. GEORGE COHEN	1906-1908
MRS. E. FLORENCE SOULE	1909-1910
MRS. ALFRED (LUCY E.) POOR	1911-1914
MRS. H. B. GRIFFIN	1915-1916
MRS. M. R. (LILLIAN A.) KIMBALL	1916-1917
MRS. NELLA D. WARE	
Acting President	1918-1919
MRS. JOHN P. MACKINNON	1920-1922
MRS. MARY T. COFFIN	1923
MRS. MARTHA FLETCHER	1924
MRS. ROBT. J. MAYNARD	1925-1928
MRS. BIRKET F. LETSON	1929——

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The original application for a charter for the Epworth League of Warren Street Church, Boston, is dated May 27, 1890; which doubtless is the approximate date of the founding of Chapter No. 555. (*Note*—Epworth League organized at Cleveland, Ohio, May 15, 1889, and adopted by General Conference May 1892.)

Early records are incomplete. The name "Collyer" or "Highlands" does not appear on the official records nor the names of pastor, president, or secretary, on the application for charter. In Nov. 1928, an application for a duplicate charter was received calling for issue to the Epworth League of Greenwood Memorial Church, Dorchester. Duplicate charter dated March 15, 1929.

Our present league organization, known as "Collyer," Chapter No. 555, is named in memory of the first pastor of Boston Highlands M. E. Church, Rev. I. J. P. Collyer. It absorbed the "Olive" Chapter of Mt. Bowdoin M. E. Church, Dorchester, chartered under No. 15492 in application dated Nov. 22, 1895, probably near the date of organization; Pastor, Rev. E. L. J. McAllister; President, David H. Judd, M.D.; and Secretary, Miss Frances K. Rybrey. Membership of forty-nine.

The League, a member of the Pilgrim Union Circuit and Boston District Epworth League, has been under the leadership of many active and efficient presidents. It meets Sunday evenings at 6:30 P.M., and also conducts regular monthly business and social meetings. It has in the past supplied pulpit flowers, furnished carol singing to the sick and shut-ins, made hospital visits and conducted services; supported the church finances by a yearly pledge, and sponsored the Easter Sunrise services.

The first issue of our *Church Bulletin*, Oct. 23, 1904, Miss Addie Gardner, Editor; Miss Jessie Brommer, Associate, was sponsored by the League and continued at a yearly expense of one hundred and fifty dollars until the Spaulding Guild assumed the burden in the fall of 1912 and in turn was relieved by the Ladies' Aid Society in 1925.

Special activities of our League will be found under the various pastors.

1900 EPWORTH LEAGUE PRESIDENTS 1935

Norfolk Hall

JOHN H. KELLAR

1900

Present Edifice

CARL E. BRAZER	1901-1902
ROBERT A. SCOTT	1902-1903
MISS ADDIE G. GARDNER	1903-1905
PHILIP L. B. JOHNSON	1905-1906
CARL E. BRAZER	1906-1907
DWIGHT W. SLEEPER	1907-1908
SAMUEL E. STOTT	1908-1910
RALPH W. SMITH	1910-1911
CARL V. PAYSON	1911-1913
JOHN H. LANDER	1913-1916
CARL V. PAYSON	1916-1917
MISS ELLA M. COATES	1917-1918
GEORGE P. TOWLE	1918-1919
WILLIAM G. SEWELL	1919-1921
OSCAR WOODWARD	1921-1922
RAYMOND A. DAY	1922-1923
MISS MARIELIE FRÉSE	1923-1925
ALBERT H. BLANCHARD	1925-1926
GEORGE H. POOR	1926-1927
JOHN HAGAN	1927-1929
OLIVER PRATT	1929-1930
MISS MILDRED HUTCHINSON	1930-1932
MISS MARJORIE HAGAN	1932-1934
ROBERT FOGG	1934-19—

FOREIGN AND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

"And He said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark. XVI-15.

Following an address on China by Clara Cushman, Sept. 17, 1899, a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed. Fifty-four membership slips were filled out and the first regular meeting of the Society was held in the Ladies' Parlor at Norfolk Hall, Oct. 4, 1899. At the close of this meeting a Mrs. Ainsworth organized a Home Missionary Society, composed of thirteen members who were also members of the Foreign society.

A band of King's Heralds, Queen Esther Circle, and Mother's Jewels, soon followed.

In 1905 the Foreign and Home Societies were united under the name of Woman's Missionary Society with the pastor's wife, Mrs. George Alcott Phinney, as the head.

For a great many years Mrs. Ellen M. ("Missionary") Brown was the enthusiastic leader, who died Dec. 16, 1930.

1900

PRESIDENTS

1935

MRS. DR. DAVID H. JUDD

MRS. ELLEN M. BROWN

MRS. GEORGE ALCOTT PHINNEY

MRS. ELLEN M. BROWN

MRS. CHARLES F. KIDDER

MRS. CHARLES E. SPAULDING

MRS. ALFRED L. POOR

MRS. WM. A. BOUTILIER

MRS. ROBERT M. PIERCE

MRS. F. A. TISDALE

MRS. HANNAH WARDLE

MRS. G. W. SPENCER

MRS. ARTHUR T. CASS

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matthew XXV-40.

THE DELTA ALPHA CLASS

This class of young ladies was started in Norfolk Hall, June 7, 1900, and organized October 1 of that year as the D. L. C., Dorchester Literary Club, under the direction of Mrs. Lena Rhodes Smith.

Our oak pedestal baptismal font was presented to the new church by this class on June 16, 1901, and five of its members baptised that Sunday were the first baptisms at the *Opening Services* in the finished auditorium. (*Note.*—Three infant children were baptized in the vestry on May 12 and June 2, the first in the new building.)

Later the class was called the "O. K." or "Outlook Club," with Mr. E. T. Trefethen as teacher.

March 3, 1910, it became known by its present name Delta Alpha, or popularly "The Alpha Class." At that meeting twenty-one were present and Miss Ethel Bell was elected as the first president.

For the past twenty-five years it has had but five principal teachers:—

MRS. CHARLES KIDDER

MR. W. F. PHILLIPS

MRS. CARRIE MAGOON

MRS. JOSEPH STARD

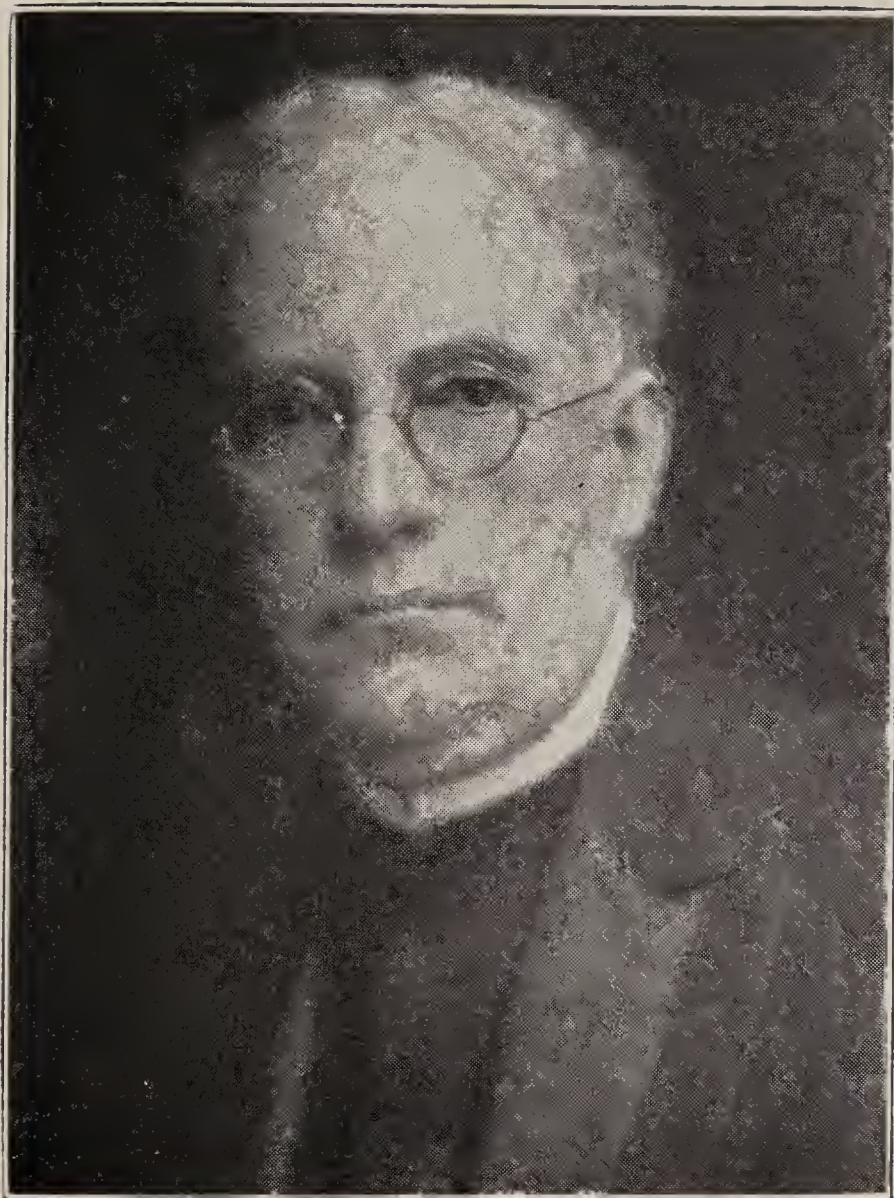
MRS. FREDERICK HAMPE

Several others: Mrs. Theodore Hildreth, Mrs. B. C. Richardson, Mrs. James P. Wright, Mr. Arthur T. Cass, etc., have ably filled in from time to time but for short intervals.

As a group these young ladies have materially aided the church by valued contributions of time and money. In charge of booths at fairs, by splendid dramatic productions, through Red Cross, missionary, charitable and hospital work, they are always found busy advancing the church's activities.

DELTA ALPHA CLASS PRESIDENTS

ETHEL BELL	1910-1912
MARION BAKER	1912-1913
MRS. R. W. SMITH	1913-1914
C. ADELLE HAWES	1914-1915
ETHEL BELL	1915-1916
EDITH NEWCOMB	1916-1917
HELEN WILSON	1917-1918
MRS. JAMES P. WRIGHT	1918-1921
C. ADELLE HAWES	1921-1924
EVELYN McQUADE	1924-1925
ETTA COLLINS	1925-1926
MABEL STEIN	1926-1927
AGNES WOOD	1927-1930
HAZEL PATTON	1930-1931
FLORENCE KANE	1931-1933
MRS. (EARL) JENNIE PALMER	1933—



REV. CHARLES EDWARD SPAULDING, D.D.

1864—1931

FOUNDER OF THE SPAULDING GUILD

Pastor 1912-1917

THE SPAULDING GUILD

A class for the women of the Sunday school formed in the fall of 1912, was officially organized Jan. 9, 1913 as The Spaulding Guild; named in honor of the pastor and first teacher. It continued under his guidance during the pastorate.

In 1913 it was granted the prize flag of the Boston District of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association, and was enrolled in this association March 24, 1914, as an adult Bible class.

The Guild, after the discontinuance of *The Highlands Record*, in the fall of 1912 started publication of the *Sunday Bulletin*, and assumed its entire expense until 1925. The Ladies' Aid Society took over the task at that time.

MR. Z. CARLETON STAPLES, THEODORE HILDRETH, ERVIN T. TREFETHEN, EDWARD P. FORBES, JENNESS E. MORRILL, OSCAR MCKENNEY and MRS. MARY E. KEVAN have succeeded the founder as teachers.

The Spaulding Guild Society was founded Jan. 13, 1913, and has had as presidents the following ladies:—

MRS. CHARLOTTE REYNOLDS	1913-1921
MRS. MINNIE HAMPE	1922-1923
MRS. MARY LUTHER	1924
MRS. MINNIE C. MACKINNON	1925-1926
MRS. ELEANOR CHAPMAN	1927
MRS. MARY E. KEVAN	1928-1930
MRS. DANIEL R. MCLEAN	1931
MRS. MARY E. KEVAN	1932—



DAVID L. MARTIN, S.T.B., Ph.D., M.D.

LEADER OF THE MARTIN CLASS

FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE CLASS

THE MARTIN CLASS

Chapter Number One of The American Bible Class.

The men of our church have had several organizations under various names in the past but with no permanent significance until after the World War.

Gilbert Haven Club

Tower Club

Belfry Class

Young Men's Normal Class

Greenwood Forum

Greenwood Men's Club

are some of the names that may recall memories to some of the older men.

On September 21, 1919, just as this old world was struggling back from the ravages of the late war, REV. ROBERT M. PIERCE and six men, ADDISON C. DAMON, FRANK J. CHASE, SETH D. GEER, WINTHROP B. ROBINSON, OSCAR A. MCKENNEY and JAMES H. MAYNARD, remained after the morning church service for discussion. A men's Bible class was soon organized with DR. DAVID L. MARTIN as teacher and CARL V. PAYSON, a Twenty-sixth "Yankee Division" Engineer as its first president.

All these years the beloved doctor has been our leader, away at times organizing other classes or filling in at Tremont Temple but always with us in spirit. The class meets in the Community House Sunday noon and assumes charge of the evening service the last Sunday of each month. Its membership has varied from the original seven to over two hundred with an average attendance of fifty.

Its famous quartette suffered an irreplaceable loss at the death of George Willard Frost in the fall of 1934.

The following men have served as presidents:—

MARTIN CLASS PRESIDENTS

CARL V. PAYSON	1919
OSCAR A. MCKENNEY	1920
GEORGE SAUNDERS	1921
DANIEL H. ROSE	1922
GEORGE ED ROGERS	1923
CHARLES F. HASEY	1924
*ROBERT J. MAYNARD	1925
ROBERT FOGG	1926
LAWRENCE F. BERRY	1927
ANDERS T. TELLSTROM	1928
HOWARD MACPHEE	1929
EDGAR FISKE	1930
WALTER THOMAS	1931
JOSEPH MCKENNEY	1932
(son of second president)	
JOHN HAGAN	1933
EARLE HUBLEY	1934
ARTHUR F. DEMPSEY	1935

For years Brother William T. Howell has been our inspired chaplain.

The pastor, Rev. E. L. Farnsworth, is teaching during the absence of Dr. Martin as we enter 1936.

* The first vacant chair in the circle of presidents occurred on June 15, 1935, in the death of Robert J. Maynard.

"Gone but not forgotten."

ORGAN

ORGANISTS AND MUSICAL DIRECTORS

Our pipe organ in its quartered oak case was built and installed by the Hook & Hastings Organ Co. in 1901.

The bellows were operated by a water motor that caused considerable trouble through the years until a fan blower with electric motor replaced it in 1923. Chimes were added in 1928 by gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin T. Trefethen.

The first few organists were voluntary, who were allowed to practice on the organ for services rendered, and some were pupils of the New England Conservatory of Music.

Inspired soloists, quartettes, and splendid choirs have changed about in furnishing the vocal music. For the most part the organist and musical director have been one and the same person; a few exceptions are noted.

ORGANISTS — MUSICAL DIRECTORS

MISS ELIZABETH KELLAR and MRS. WM. H. WHITNEY played at the organ under the musical direction of MR. WM. H. WHITNEY.

HOMER C. HUMPHREY was at the console with PROFESSOR GEORGE CRAFTS directing the singing.

The following performed both duties very acceptably:

ARCHIBALD T. DAVISON, JR.

JOHN SMALLMAN, JR.

WILLIAM V. PETT

HAROLD REYNOLDS

MRS. ISABEL W. BEAL

LYMAN BRACKETT

MISS SHEPARD

MISS RUTH SEVERANCE served as organist during the musical direction of OSCAR GUSTAFSON and MISS RUTH OLIVE HALFORD.

Then EVERETT CRUMRINE

 WHITMAN S. BROWNE

and ROY S. STOUGHTON

supplied our services with inspirational music as combined organist and director.

Others have played for short periods, namely: MRS. A. C. DAMON, MRS. LESTER WALLACE, MR. ELMER J. SMITHIES, and so forth.

OUR OLD MEMBERS — DEC. 1935

MRS. SAMUEL HELLEWELL 88 years of age

AND

MR. SAMUEL HELLEWELL 87 years of age

This couple on coming to America from the church in England joined the Tremont Street M. E. church in 1874-1875, and transferred to Greenwood Memorial, October 15, 1925.

MR. FRED G. WINNETT 86 years "Young"

Who you will find at his regular place of employment every work day of the week; joined this church Dec. 2, 1928.

MR. HOLLAND L. PAYSON 84 years of age

Long active as a carpenter and builder, but now retired, Mr. Payson joined Boston Highlands M. E. church on Warren Street, Roxbury, October 1, 1882, fifty-three years ago.

With the exception of less than three years, April 8, 1889 to Dec. 6, 1891, when he attended the Tremont Street M. E. church, he has been associated with Highlands and its successor, Greenwood Memorial church.

MEMORIALS

"Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance."

2 Peter I-13.

*"The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord."—Job. I-21.*

The reader should realize, from the story of "The Widow's Mite," that the intrinsic value or size of the memorial is unimportant, as compared to the true measure of Christian devotion and esteem in which the donor presented same.

MEMORIALS

The following reminders of the past may be found within the confines of our "Memorial" church.

IN THE AUDITORIUM

✓ STAINED GLASS WINDOW (South side front).

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Prince Ryder
In Memory of Our Dear Son, Wm. Prince Ryder
(1879-1896, 17 years.)

PULPIT BIBLE. March 1, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitcomb

In Precious Memory of Their Daughter, Carrie Louisa
(also \$100 for building fund).

✓ PRAYER STAND OR LITANY DESK

✓ METAL OFFERING PLATES and METAL VASE

Presented through popular subscription Sunday, November 3, 1912

In Memory of Rev. George Alcott Phinney, D.D.,
1856-1911.

1912 The prayer stand was carved by Lang, a nephew of Anton Lang of Oberammergau.

BALCONY FRONT CLOCK

In Memory of Mrs. Sarah Greenwood by Son and Daughter.

✓ GOLD CROSS. Sunday, Dec. 3, 1933.

*In Memory of Rev. Charles Edward Spaulding, D.D.
By the Spaulding Guild.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTRIC PROJECTION LANTERN

Memorial Gift (\$100 Bequest) of Miss Edna Florence Scott 1883-1916.

OUR WORLD WAR SERVICE FLAG

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Towle.

SIX GOLD STARS

Lieut. Henry Quinby Griffin (D.S.C.)

Battalion Sergeant Major Wm. Sydney Brittain

Lieut. Reuben P. Arey

Private Richard Whiting

Private Harold Wesley Flynn

Private Wm. Towle, Bat. C., 101st F. A.

STATE FLAG. October 11, 1925

*In Memory of Mrs. Hannah S. Geer by her husband
Seth D. Geer.*

CHURCH SHRUBBERY. A Living Memorial, Spring of 1925

In Memory of the Parents of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Trefethen. By Mr. and Mrs. Trefethen.

TWO LEATHER BOUND METHODIST HYMNALS. For pulpit and prayer desk.

*In Memory of Florence Bertha Maynard, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maynard, Sunday, May 29, 1927.*

✓ NEW COMMUNION SET.

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Annie Munro, by her husband, Hugh Munro and family.

First used October 2, 1927, replacing set in use since 1904.

COMMUNION HANGINGS

In Memory of Mr. Charles Kevan.

By his wife Mary.

ORGAN CHIMES. September 16, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Trefethen

That They May be Remembered.

A BEQUEST OF \$300. To the church April, 1931.

By Mrs. Martha E. Hoyt. Invested for accumulation.

A GIFT OF \$100.

By Mrs. Adele Esty

In Memory of Her Mother, Mrs. Woodsum.

A GIFT OF \$100.

By Mrs. Florence H. McClellan,

In Memory of Her Mother, Mrs. Catherine W. Chapman.

✓ ALTAR RAIL. 1934.

In Memoriam David and Margaret Wood

By the family.

OUR FIRST COMMUNION SET

Presented to Boston Highlands Methodist Episcopal Church by F. L. Bredeen, April 1869, is preserved in a cabinet in trustees room, and

SILVER BAPTISMAL FONT of 1869

is now used in the wooden baptismal pedestal.

IN THE CHURCH PARLOR IN VESTRY, 1925

TABLE

Memory of Jean Wood.

By Mr. and Mrs. David Wood.

ARM CHAIR

Memory of Ella F. Damon and Addison C. Damon.

By Mrs. Ruth Damon Carter, their daughter.

CHAIR

Mr. Lucian Fisher

In Memory of His Wife, Mrs. Christina Fisher.

CHAIR

In Memory of Mary P. Luther.

By Miss Martha Luther, her daughter.

BIBLE

Memory of Hannah S. Geer.

By her husband, Seth D. Geer.

MANTLE CHIMES CLOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hellewell.

In Memory of Their Daughter, Gladyce Hellewell.

ANNIVERSARY 1935

FOUR ELECTRIC SCONCES. On the Auditorium Side Walls.

- ✓ 1 Presented *In Memory of Departed Members of the Martin Class*, Some thirty in number.
By the Martin Class.
- ✓ 2 Presented *In Memory of Frank A. Gaynor*
By his wife, Mrs. May H. Gaynor.
- ✓ 3 Presented *In Memory of Mrs. Nellie F. Milk*.
By her granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth M. Letson
- ✓ 4 Presented *In Memory of Frank J. Chase*.
By his daughters, Lura and Estelle.

NEW COMMUNION TABLE.

In Remembrance of Me.

Presented by the Ladies' Aid Society.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.—Rev. XXI-4.

*When we go home at eventide,
And our work on this earth is o'er;
May we find rest in the Father's house,
With our dear ones gone before.
(L. F. Berry, 1935.)*





GREENWOOD CHURCH COMMUNITY HOUSE, INC.

386 Washington Street, Dorchester, Mass.

Adjoining the Church Parsonage.

ERECTED—1928.

GREENWOOD CHURCH COMMUNITY HOUSE, INC.

This site, 384-386 Washington Street, was formerly occupied by the old red Edwin T. Booth (famous actor and older brother of John Wilkes Booth) house, a Dorchester landmark for nearly a century. It was later tenanted by Rev. Elijah Cutler, and then by our former sexton, Samuel W. Wotton. The structure was torn down in 1916.

On June 3, 1920, during the pastorate of Rev. Robert M. Pierce, and through the prompt action of Mr. E. T. Trefethen in advancing funds, together with a gift of \$500; this land of nine thousand and sixty-four square feet was purchased for \$4800 in the name of Greenwood Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church (Suffolk Deeds 4228, Page 629). Tentative sketches were made and estimates secured for the erection of a small one-story wooden structure for the social activities of the church. It was considered at the time as financially impractical for the church to assume the undertaking in addition to the land purchase. As Methodist Episcopal on deed in corporation name was an error, action was taken July 25, 1925 to rectify same (recorded Suffolk Deeds, August 24, 1924, Libro 4716, Page 92).

The adoption of a Constitution and By-laws, and organization of the Greenwood Church Community House Corporation, was on March 21, 1928. By action, March 30, 1928, and recorded (Suffolk Deeds, Libro 5002, Page 21) May 11, 1928, the land site was duly deeded by the church to the Community House Corporation for one dollar and the usual "other valuable considerations."

Witnessed by a large gathering at 8 A.M., July 25, 1928, ground was broken by Rev. E. L. Farnsworth, turning the first shovel full of earth. The shovel was donated by the Courtney Hardware Company and the soil sold to Mr. Birket F. Letson for ten dollars. The steam shovel took the next shovel-full but there were no purchasers.

In the summer, a corner stone, donated by Mrs. Helen R. Decatur, proprietor of the Henry Murray Marble Company, was laid and the building was formerly dedicated with a banquet and entertainment on December 13, 1928.

Carl V. Payson was the surveyor and J. Thorley Mutch was the architect. Excavating was completed in one week by the M. McGuinness Company. John Rugo was the contractor on foundation, concrete, masonry, tapestry brick veneer and limestone trimmings. Hedley C. Nickerson had charge of the carpentry and general construction work. Various smaller contracts, for plumbing, heating, wiring, iron work, painting, etc., were let by the building committee to local men.

*by one of our members was
cancelled completely and
the church now ^{is} owned
Now owned by The Brighton
Day Inc "*

This structure, forty-five by one hundred feet, was erected, financed and now operated by a board of directors numbering twenty-four men, representative of the church and community. George Y. Berry, Senior, was elected chairman of the building committee or board of directors, and Anders T. Tellstrom, treasurer. Cost above the land, \$55,000. Eighteen thousand of this amount was financed by popular subscription, pledges, gifts, brick books, etc. A first mortgage of \$25,000 and later, second of \$12,000, have remained upon the property since completion. Costs of improvements, repairs, equipment, operating expenses, and mortgage interest, have been met during the depression by careful management. Rev. E. L. Farnsworth has worked unceasingly day and night, supervising the varied program; physical, social, religious and educational in its scope.

One enters the building through the memorial porch and bronze doors into an entrance hall, flanked on the left by the INEZ MAY BERRY Room, and on the right by the OFFICE and SERVICE ROOM. A stairway leads up to the ADA MANN and GIRL SCOUT rooms as well as access to the balcony with seating capacity of one hundred. Another stairway leads down to the basement.

The large DR. DAVID L. MARTIN RECREATIONAL HALL, with its stage and dressing room is on the first floor. The Martin Chapter, American Bible Class meets here Sundays.

The building was used for several years, as listed, for physical, social, religious and educational purposes. As time went on it developed that the unit could not be self supporting, nor could the church help out financially. It was finally sold at the price at which time the 1st Mortgage of \$1,000.00 held

In the basement are found four splendid BOWLING ALLEYS, locker rooms with showers, toilets and lavatories. A modernly equipped KITCHEN, capable of serving four hundred at a banquet is also on this floor. Below in the sub-basement are located the boiler room, BOOSTER CLUB Room with pool and billiard tables, and the BOY SCOUTS' Room. Under the club room floor, a concrete crib was set for a regulation swimming pool, if desired, in the future.

In the vestibule are found the "IN MEMORIAM," and PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS tablets; a REV. E. L. FARNSWORTH testimonial tablet in the office and the GEORGE Y. BERRY, SENIOR, appreciation plate in the recreational hall, complete the list of special markers.

The entire cost of construction of the entrance porch, portico, columns ("WISDOM" and "TRUTH"), balcony, steps and bronze doors, was donated in memory of MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. BERRY, by their son, GEORGE Y. BERRY, SENIOR, chairman of the Building Committee.

By action September 22, 1928, recorded (Suffolk Deeds, October 8, 1928, Libro 5046, Page 479) a strip of land fifteen to sixteen feet wide, containing 1732 square feet more or less, was deeded back to the church for the garage and drive accommodations of the parsonage.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Whereas: To Satisfy All.

These extra pages are inserted here for the reader's own description of people (perhaps yourself) or events that you may have been particularly interested in and which, in your opinion, the author did not sufficiently honor or glorify. Also corrections may be made here, or the story continued until, at such time as a second and more perfect edition be published.

Note.—The author would welcome in writing any authentic corrections that should be noted in this work, or any additional important facts that have been omitted.

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